

**Deans Council Minutes
June 15, 2009**

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Hart Bailey, Richard Blackburn, Harry Llull (for Frances Coleman), Lou D'Abramo, Jerry Gilbert, George Hopper, Melissa Mixon, Linda Morse, Gary Myers, Royce Bowden (for Sarah Rajala), and Lynne Richardson. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Tim Chamblee, Julie Fulgham, Charles Guest, Mike Rackley, Amy Adkerson (for Butch Stokes), and Glenn Steele.

1. Dr. D'Abramo led a discussion concerning the definitions, qualifications and responsibilities of graduate faculty. After much discussion, the Deans Council members were asked to review the documentation provided, and respond to Dr. Rabideau and Dr. D'Abramo with their thoughts. Drs. Rabideau and D'Abramo will sort through the comments and identify points and place this item on the next Deans Council agenda.
2. Dr. Rabideau and Dr. Steele reported that all start-up funds have been committed for FY10 and FY11. Better information is needed from each college before recommendations are made.
3. Dr. Rabideau pointed out that a new MSU peer group has been named. This new listing has been approved by the President.
4. Dr. Gilbert stated that eight Academic Operating Policies are presented for approval. All these AOPs will be placed on the next Deans Council agenda.
5. Other items:
 - Mike Rackley reported that a new layout has been approved for ID cards. New ID Cards are being prepared for Deans, Associate Deans, and Department Heads and new faculty arriving this fall will receive the new card.
 - Dr. Mixon reported that the first candidate for Vice President for the Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine was on campus last week and we have two other interviews scheduled in the coming days.
 - Dean Hopper reported that:
 - a. A dedication was held last week, naming a lake for Dr. Dale Arner. Scholarship funds in excess of \$15,000 were raised.
 - b. The Mississippi Water Conference, held each year with Water Resources Research Institute, has more than 75 technical presentations to be presented this year, with only 30-50 last year. The conference will be August 5-7 at Tunica.
 - Mark Binkley reported that the Graduate School has hired a new admissions person to assist with the distance registration.
 - Dean Myers reported that Scott Crossley, English faculty member, was named Researcher of the Month.
 - Dean Richardson reported that:

- a. Information is needed from each dean regarding new administrators in each unit. This information should be submitted to Dr. Gilbert, as the New Administrator sessions are being scheduled to begin in August.
 - b. Dean Richardson serves as chair of the Meridian Dean Search Committee and reported that she will meet this week with the committee to go over the pool of candidates.
 - c. Dean Richardson and Harold Clark will co-chair the GSDP Partnership for Education.
- Dean Blackburn reported that
 - a. Cathy Grace (in Early Childhood Institute) will be on leave in Washington serving as Early Childhood policy person for the Children's Defense Fund.
 - b. The College of Education has named two new department heads: Frankie Keels Williams in Leadership and Foundations and Daniel Wong in Counseling and Educational Psychology.
 - c. The College received word today that external funding in the college is \$2 million ahead of this time last year.
 - Tim Chamblee reported that:
 - a. The fifth year report is progressing.
 - b. Each Dean should submit an updated resume to Dr. Gilbert and Dr. Chamblee, as this is needed for the SACS reporting.
 - Dr. Gilbert reported that this year the New Faculty Orientation is scheduled for August 10 and 11.
 - Dr. Mixon invited all the Deans Council members to the Division Summer Celebration on June 26th at the Bost Building.
 - Dr. Linda Morse reported that:
 - a. The Maroon Edition inaugural year for common book reading is underway. The book chosen for this year is *A Painted House* by John Grisham.
 - b. The process for selecting a book for next year has begun. Please make suggestions for the committee. The Vice Presidents will make the final book choice for 2010.
 - Julie Fulgham reported that the 2008-09 assessment plans are due by June 30.