

**Deans Council Minutes
March 3, 2008**

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Richard Blackburn, Donna Clevinger, Frances Coleman, Jerry Gilbert, Gary Myers, David Nagel, Bill Person, Al Rankins, Lynne Richardson, Glenn Steele, Lynn Reinschmiedt (for Vance Watson), and Jim West. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Butch Stokes, Charles Guest, and Julie Fulgham.

1. **First Year Seminars:**

A presentation was given by Matt Raven concerning first year seminars. He stated that Georgia and Chapel Hill were models that were used in developing our program. He stated that these were not "intro to" courses, but they are courses designed to interest a student in a certain field. March 17th is the deadline for course proposals. He stated that this program was started at the University of South Carolina.

2. **Value of Graduate Advising:**

David Nagel stated that the faculty feel that graduate advising is not appreciated. Numerous Deans stated that their colleges do recognize graduate advising by considering it in promotion and assigning teaching loads.

3. **Information Security:**

Mike Rackley was scheduled to speak about Information Security and was not able to attend at the last minute due to Crisis Action Team Meeting.

4. **Tuition Dividend:**

Dr. Rabideau asked for input from the Deans on how they thought the process should be handled. Myers stated that he would like to see it sent straight to the Dean's office and then allow them to put it where needed. West stated that the Dean should be held accountable for where the money goes. Nagel stated that the faculty will want the money to go to the departments.

5. **IHL Summit Update:**

David Nagel stated his concerns with the information he heard at the summit

6. **Other Items:**

Registrar

- Fall 2008 Master course selections were at 4800.
- No more classes can be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-11:30.
- A third orientation has been added for summer.
- We are already up 900 more entering freshmen for next year.
- He stated that he projected around 1000 more than last fall.
- He is working on a list of most sought after courses.
- Military training course credit recommendations have been sent to the departments.

Lynn Reinschmiedt for Dean Watson

- They have two department head positions open and are currently working to fill the position of Academic Coordinator.

Dean Myers

- Humanities guest speaker lecture will be held on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Dean Steele

- Engineering hosted the regional student conference and MSU also won the competition.