

Associate Deans Council Meeting

February 25, 2009

Present: Jerome A. Gilbert, Chair; Wes Ammon, Mark Binkley, Dave Boles, Dave Breaux, David Bridges, Tim Chamblee, Robert Cooper, Diane Daniels, Louis Dawkins, Walter Diehl, Julie Fulgham, Halston Hales, Lisa Harris, Rachel Singleton (for Rick Kaminiski), David Lewis, Harry Llull, Rubye Guest (for Scott Maynard), Nancy McCarley, Linda Morse, Karin Lee (for Bill Person), Mike Rackley, Donna Reese, Lynn Reinschmiedt, Rusty Foster and Sharon Nobles (for Butch Stokes), Ron Taylor, Mike White. **Guests:** Tom Burgeois and Tabor Mullen

Dr. Gilbert called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in 611 Allen Hall.

1. Consideration of the minutes:

The minutes of the January 28, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Chairperson's Report:

- There will be a memorial service on Friday, Feb. 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Memories for Dr. Leo Lynch.
- Sarah Vowell will be on campus in Taylor Auditorium on Feb. 26th at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Vowell is a syndicated columnist and has written the book *The Wordy Shipmates*.
- Dr. Gilbert announced upcoming seminars that will be hosted by the Teaching and Learning Center
 - March 5-State of the Art in Cheating
 - March 11-Web 2.0 in the classroom
 - April 2-Fostering an ethical classroom environment
 - April 15-ipods and iphones in the classroom
- Dr. Gilbert announced that the Graduating Senior Exit Survey is ready to be posted to the web. Students that are applying for graduation will be required to complete the survey in order to graduate.

3. Behavioral Intervention Team- Tabor Mullen walked the committee through how to report an incident of suspicious behavior to the Dean of Students website. The report is automatically sent to the Dean's office. They will in turn contact the person that filed the incident to obtain more specific information. Tabor stated that BIT is willing to go to the departments on campus and make them more aware of the incident reporting process. He stated that the presentation should last about 30 minutes.

4. Webinar-The Provost Office hosted a one hour webinar titled "Administrators Monitoring Online Courses: A Gloves-Off Debate". Dr. Morse stated that the Provost's Office is working on forming an *ad hoc* committee to look at evaluations and whether administration wants a proactive way to look at them. Dr. Morse stated that there has been at least three students report that they are just getting material and tests from online professors without much interaction or instruction.

5. Other Business

- Mike White stated that Dr. Collins at the Longest Student Health Center would like to ask for more understanding from instructors when it comes to students being out for an illness. The Health Center no longer writes excuses for the students. University policy gives the professor the right to accept or deny a physicians excuse from a student.
- Lisa Harris stated that orientation for new students will be on line next week. She also mentioned that we are experiencing the most crowded housing situation we have ever had. We were over 100% occupancy for the Fall and 99.9% for the Spring. Upperclassmen can begin registering for housing next week.
- Julie Fulgham stated that NSSE results are available on the IR website.