

Associate Deans Council Meeting

August 27, 2008

Present: Jerome A. Gilbert, Chair; Wes Ammon, Mark Binkley, Dave Boles, Dana Franz (for David Bridges), Robert Cooper, Diane Daniels, Louis Dawkins, Walter Diehl, Lisa Harris, Blake Jeter, Mitzy Johnson, Rick Kaminiski, Dinetta Karriem, Kevin Knudson, David Lewis, Patricia Matthes, Scott Maynard, Bill Person, Mike Rackley, Donna Reese, Walter Taylor (for Lynn Reinschmiedt), Butch Stokes, Ron Taylor, Mike White,

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 July 23, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Chairperson's Report:

- Our enrollment numbers as of August 27th are at 17,842. The last day to add or drop is 8/29/08. The official fall enrollment will be established on August 29th.
- The MAC conference is scheduled for 9/28-9/30. See handout for details.
- Dr. Gilbert distributed a Common Readings list that some universities require students to read before arriving on campus.
- An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to investigate the creation of graduating senior exit survey.
- The Presidential New Faculty Bus Tour will be Sept. 25th. There are plans to leave campus at 6:30 a.m.
- Dr. Gilbert reminded the deans that it is the department head's responsibility to make sure they have adequate space before committing to hire new faculty.
- The tuition dividend amounted to \$250K. These monies will be distributed to the College Deans.
- We have one tent left in the junction for the 1st game. Contact our office to reserve it.
- Per SACS accreditation requirements, if you are planning on hiring faculty without a terminal degree, a letter of justification must be on file. A database is being created to track these.
- Heather Beasley was selected as the recipient of the Study Abroad in Ireland scholarship.

3. Study Abroad

- Molly Watkins briefed the council on the Study Abroad office. She passed out a handout with upcoming important dates/events.

4. Other Business:

- Butch Stokes thanked everyone for their support this fall.
- Lisa Harris thanked everyone that helped raise enrollment. Dorms are over 100% occupied. Admissions and Scholarships received over 10,000 applications.
- Dr. Kaminiski stated that graduate faculty needs to implement standardized content in fundamental courses.
- Mark Binkley stated that distance learning enrollment is up by 10%.
- Mike White provided the Council with an update of the hurricane. Mike also updated the Council on the Behavioral Intervention Team.
- Mitzi Johnson reminded the Council that the Assessment Reports are due Sept. 19.
- Kevin Knudson stated that Honor College enrollment is up by 10%. He also mentioned that we have the highest ACT scores in the state.