

Associate Deans Council Minutes
February 22, 2006

Present: Jerome A Gilbert, Chair; Lynn Reinschmiedt, June Schmidt, David Bridges, Sue Minchew, Jane Greenwood, Nancy McCarley, Rita Burrell, Keith Belli, Gary Myers, Dan Hollingsworth, Butch Stokes, Nancy Reichert, Robert Green, Gary Pike, Mark Binkley, Dave Boles, Luther Epting, Louis Capella, Harry Llull, Thomas Bourgeois.

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 February 1, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Chairperson's Report:

- The deadline for nominations for the Grisham award is March 1, 2006.
- The Presidential Search Committee met yesterday. There is no news to report.
- Alternative ID project is moving along. There was an open forum held on Tuesday, the 21st. There were a few people in attendance and over 100 watched it on the web. A second forum will be held on Friday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m.
- The Center for Teaching and Learning is making progress under Matt Raven and Deborah Lee. Their location will be on the second level of the Library. They will have an entrance from the atrium. More information to come soon.
- The first faculty social was held on February 9 at the Hunter Henry Center. The featured speaker was Noel Polk and it went very well. The next social will be March 30th in the Swalm building with a wine and cheese reception following. Roger King will be the speaker for that event. The third social for the semester will be on April 27th at the Bryan building.
- April 5, 2006, 2:00-4:00 p.m.- Awards ceremony for the 2006 Grisham Masters Teacher and the Alumni Association Undergraduate Teaching Award. Other previously designated 2006 faculty awardees will also be recognized.
- April 7, 2006, 3:00 p.m.-Groundbreaking at the site of the new Band and Music Hall. Construction should take about a year.
- Commencement for the spring semester will be May 13, 2006. One ceremony at 9:30 and one at 2:30. Colleges will be split the same as last year.
- Recommendations have come forward concerning the next intersession. The subcommittee has met and recommended that next year the semester start at the regular time, to be followed by a three week May semester that would end before Memorial Day. Summer school would then start right after. This same committee has also recommended that the University should lengthen class time by five minutes each period to allow for more flexibility in the intersession.
- April 29, 2006- Senate Spring Roundtable-Graduate Education at Plymouth Bluff.

3. Academic Operating Policy: 13.15- Evaluation of Teaching Performance

Dr. Gilbert summarized the proposed changes to this AOP. Evaluations will be either web-based or paper, time periods were taken out, and the categories that the surveys will measure were listed. A Teaching Evaluation Committee has been established and they are working on more relevant questions. The revision of this AOP also states that only faculty members will have access to the written comments from their evaluations. Deans, departments heads, and the provost will only see statistical results. Following discussion, there was a motion to accept the policy with editorial revisions. This motion was approved with no opposition and the policy is now ready for review by Deans Council.

4. Update on AOP 13.16-Establishment of Academic Centers and Institutes

Gary Myers proposed that his subcommittee revise AOP 13.16 to bring it more in line with the OP dealing with this same topic. The motion was approved.

5. Presentation of Design Brochure-Jane Greenwood

Instructor Rebecca Davis and her class have been designing various flyers, banners and commercial spots for MSU. Jane Greenwood brought several examples of the work of some of the students. A commercial spot entitled "Mississippi. We have the i's, now all we need is u" was presented to great favor. The departments are encouraged to contact Rebecca Davis if you have design work you need done.

6. Other Business

- The Spirit of State, a new award for students, is being introduced. It will recognize students who have made a difference on campus. There will be some publicity coming out soon concerning this new award. Roughly ten students will receive the award from all four classifications. Applications are due by March 10.
- Butch Stokes- We are exactly one month away from advising for the summer and fall. March 31st will be the first orientation and April 17th starts honors orientation. In the past, about 100 transfer and 280 honors students came in. There have been some prerequisite checking problems in the past. Butch suggests having an expanded command center with hotlines for prerequisites as opposed to turning the prerequisite system off in Banner. This would affect Arts & Sciences the most. Gary Myers will meet with Butch to discuss further.
- Robert Green –The Society of Women Engineers has an exhibit in the library. It will be here at MSU until the end of March.
- Gary Myers-Dr. Philip Jenkins will be delivering a lecture entitled "The Next Christendom....." at 4:00 on February 23 on the fourth floor of Swalm.

The meeting was adjourned.