

**Associate Deans Council Minutes**  
**June 28, 2006**

Present: Jerome A Gilbert, Chair; Wes Ammon, Keith Belli, Mark Binkley, Dave Boles, David Bridges, Louis Capella, Robert Cooper, Diane Daniels, Scott Maynard for Luther Epting, Julie Fulgham, Jane Greenwood, Lisa Harris, Sue Minchew, Clyde Herring, Harry Llull, Nancy McCarley, Bill Person, Gary Pike, Ruth Prescott, Mike Rackley, Nancy Reichert, Lynn Reinschmiedt, June Schmidt, Butch Stokes, Donna Reese and Elaine Reed for Gary Myers.

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

1. Game Day at the Junction- Bill Broyles is chairing a subcommittee charged with managing the home football game day experience. Game day will still include tailgating, picnicking, University sponsored programs, and the normal athletic department fanfare. The committee has been looking for more activities to build the excitement. They are considering a mini discovery day. There will also be elaborate tents in the Junction to showcase colleges and programs at the university. The departments or colleges will rent the tents from Mississippi State University. They are 30x70 and include electricity and optional sidewalls. The cost to rent a tent is \$1300 per game and there are seven home games this year. Reservations can be made through Facilities Use. Fans in the Junction will still be allowed to use generators and grills. There will be a stage set up for live music or performances in the Junction. There was also a discussion about whether or not the University should participate in the USA Today collegiate program. The cost would be about \$2,000 to \$3,000 per college or \$65,000 a year.
2. Consideration of the Minutes:  
The minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting and the May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 were approved as submitted.
3. Chairperson's Report:
  - Summer School- There will be a new funding model for summer school in 2007. Ten percent will go in the general fund, then the remainder will split between the Provost's office, the college, and the departments. The hope is that this will inspire departments to offer additional sections in summer school and to recruit students to attend. There will be three summer sessions, a Maymester, Summer I, and Summer II. Any approved course can be taught in the Maymester as long as it doesn't have a lab component. Enrollment needs to be at 12 or 15 students for a course for undergraduates. Maymester will be independent from the rest of the summer session. One course may be taught during it. A teaching overload in summer school should be

alright. Mississippi State University could net from one to six million dollars on summer school.

- New Faculty Orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday will go from 12-5 and Wednesday from 8-3. There will be a promotion and tenure panel on the first day, as well as a Grisham Master Teacher. The first day is geared more toward tenure-track faculty. The second day will involve presentations from HR, Dr. Llull of the Library, the Office of Research, and some paperwork. We are expecting around sixty to eighty people.
- Graduate student stipends have been raised. The hope is that every assistantship will be raised by \$1000. The University is contributing E and G funding of \$720 per graduate assistant. The budget allowed for a five percent raise on all assistantships, so these two amounts combined should total around \$1000. If a graduate assistant is not E&G funded we are encouraging departments to find a way to still allow for the \$1000 raise.

4. Academic Operating Policy:

AOP 12.21 Veteran's Academic Status

- This AOP was revised to change the review date to every four years and to update the policy to reflect current procedures. Motion was made to strike "located in the Registrar's Office, 176 Garner Hall" from the last sentence in paragraph three. Motion was made to approve the policy as revised. This policy will now be forwarded to the Deans Council.

AOP 13.13 – Leave Policies

- This AOP was revised to change the review date to every four years and place the policy in the four-year review cycle. Associate Deans Council had originally voted for this policy to be deleted, but Faculty Senate chose to keep the policy in a shortened format. Motion was made to add "extended" before "leave" in the second sentence and to delete the last sentence. Motion was made to approve the policy as revised. This policy will now be forwarded to the Deans Council.

AOP 13.23- Faculty Workload

- After a short discussion, motion was made to table this AOP. Motion was approved.

5. Other Business

- Dr. Gilbert announced that the Provost's Office has a revised website. Faculty of distinction are now listed including National Academy Members and Fellows. Giles and Grisham award winners will soon be added.
- Butch Stokes announced that grades are due July 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.

The meeting was adjourned.