

Associate Deans Council Meeting
April 13, 2011
Minutes

Present: Peter L. Ryan (chair), Wes Anmon, Phil Bonfanti, Thomas Bourgeois, Patricia Brock (for Mark Binkley), Dave Breaux, Tim Chamblee, Robert Cooper, Diane Daniels, Randy Follett, Robert Green, Paul Grimes, Rick Kaminski, David Lewis, Scott Maynard, Lynda Moore (for Ray Berryhill), Linda Morse, Bill Person, Mike Rackley, Lynn Reinschmiedt, James Scheiner, Butch Stokes, Walter Taylor, Justin Watts, Robert West, and Ann Ray.

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

1. Consideration of the minutes.

Rick Kaminski made the motion and Randy Follett seconded to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2011 meeting. The motion was carried with all ayes in favor to accept the minutes with noted corrections.

2. Announcements.

- a.** Peter Ryan asked that members share any announcements from their colleges for the conclusion of the academic year.
- The School of Architecture will award the first class of 20 graduating students with the Building Construction Science degree. The Annual Awards Recognition Ceremony & Dinner will be held on April 29 at Hotel Chester which is funded by private donations.
 - Thomas Bourgeois noted partial road closures starting at 8:30 a.m. on Stone Boulevard due to the Zac Brown Band concert beginning at 7:00 p.m.
 - Linda Morse stated that the Grisham Master Teacher Series with Rachel McCann can be viewed on the Center for Teaching and Learning web site.
 - Linda Morse announced that brochures for the First Year Experience have been distributed to undergraduate coordinators in each department. She thanked the Associate Deans for their help, and noted that this has been the largest ever in seminar participation.
 - Phil Bonfanti stated that the April 11 Honors Orientation welcomed 421 student attendees. There is an expectation of approximately 250 transfer students to attend the Phi Theta Kappa orientation on Monday, April 18.
 - Butch Stokes stated that 420 students had registered for classes during orientation. He noted that he was very impressed with the group of students and how they interacted with others. He mentioned that the registration sessions went well, but noted the lack of computers and assistance for students during these sessions. He made the suggestion of departments possibly purchasing cheaper notebooks to be used during orientation sessions.
 - i.** Phil Bonfanti asked about the use of iPhones or Smartphones during registration. Paul Grimes made the suggestion of asking students to bring their own laptops for registration. There was further discussion of assigning guest passwords, and other issues but also that this might be an initiative to address for a solution.

- Robert West mentioned that one complaint or disappointment with students during orientation registration was the lack of available Honor courses.
 - i. There was discussion of the funding for more fall semester sections (but still limited) and the issues of improvement needed regarding the registration process. There was also discussion of pre-registration for incoming freshmen, other admission/registration issues, and the process of working through issues for the needs of the students as enrollment continues to grow.
- Peter Ryan mentioned the Faculty Senate roundtable discussion on April 1 that focused on student enrollment and retention growth strategies. The groups proposed short term solutions of how to utilize every aspect of campus by offering courses during 2nd term summer for early admission to incoming freshmen to take pressure off the heavy demand courses in the fall.
- Butch Stokes stated that there is finally dialogue for possible tuition charge per course which would level out the cost of a degree for all students in regard to the present structure which penalizes part-time students. The same cost degree may make summer courses more attractive to students as well as discourage students from taking excessive repeat courses and eventually reduce the cost per credit hour. He further stated that the final structure would depend on IHL policy.
- Robert West announced that the Shackouls Honors College will host the MSU Undergraduate Research Symposium on April 21 beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Butch Stokes announced an increase of approximately 200 graduating students for spring commencement. A total of 2284 students have applied for graduation for Starkville campus and 200 for Meridian campus with total of 1739 indicated to attend. The Friday ceremony should have around 15 students with a 4.0 GPA and 58 doctoral candidates with a total of 808 indicated to attend. The Saturday ceremony has a total of 931 indicated to attend with at least 17 students with a 4.0 GPA and 12 doctoral candidates.
- Robert Cooper announced the College of Veterinary Medicine graduation ceremony to be held on Wednesday, April 27 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Bettersworth Auditorium in Lee Hall.
- Tim Chamblee stated that the FSSE survey has received good response with over 36% response rate. The last reminder will be sent out on April 20. He also reminded members of the closing deadline of August 26 for the IE feedback survey and encouraged all for the need for a 100% response rate.
- Paul Grimes announced that Sharon Oswald has accepted the position of the new Dean of Business. She is the current Department Head of Management at Auburn University.
- Peter Ryan mentioned the agreeable atmosphere on campus during the snow make-up day of March 26th and extended his thanks for all the support.

3. Chair's Report. None

4. AOP/OP.

30.03 Management of Copyrighted Site Licensed Computer Software at Mississippi State University.

- The document was approved and recommended to be forwarded to Deans Council for consideration.

30.04 Electronic Communications Infrastructure at Mississippi State University.

- After discussion, the document was approved with (3) three minor edits. The document will be forwarded to Deans Council for further consideration.

30.05 Internet Domain Names and Services at Mississippi State University.

- After discussion, the document was approved with (1) one minor edit. The document will be forwarded to Deans Council for further consideration.

5. New Business.

- Mike Rackley mentioned the unfortunate illness of long-time employee Marlinda Phillips. Her prognosis is unknown at this time as she will be in treatment for a week in Tupelo with recovery at her home.
- There was mentioned of the sad news of the passing of Duane Tucker, former Extension and PRO-Miss Institute of Leadership, who had been in failing health for 6 months or more.
- Dave Breaux distributed a hand-out flyer for the upcoming speaker, Patrick Allitt on “The Environmentalists and their Critics” on April 19 in McCool Atrium.
- Scott Maynard announced the Auburn and University of Tennessee, Knoxville - Engineering and Technical Fair.
- Phil Bonfanti mentioned an enrollment growth from last year. He will share the total increase information at the next meeting.
- Linda Morse announced the New Faculty Bus Tour beginning at noon on Friday, April 15 and noted that there was still space on the bus if any were interested.
- The Maroon Edition book choice will be officially announced by the President on May 11. President Keenum suggested choosing a classic book by a Mississippi author.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.