

Deans Council Minutes
March 5, 2018
1:30 PM
Presidents Conference Room, Lee Hall

Members Present: Judy Bonner, Richard Blackbourn, Frances Coleman, Randy Follett, Ron McLaughlin (for Kent Hoblet), Julia Hodges, George Hopper, Jason Keith, Layton Little, Sharon Oswald, Peter Ryan, Chris Snyder, Giselle Thibaudeau (for Rick Travis), Jim West

Others Present: John Dickerson, Joan Lucas, Steve Parrott, Miriam Chancellor (for Susan Seal)

Minutes Taken By: Tina Gilliland

- I. Dr. Bonner called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2017. Dr. George Hopper requested statement be added under AOP 13.24 section stating the vote was on the AOP only and not the review form. The minutes stand approved with this change.

- II. Summer 2018 Program for Remedial Courses update – Dr. Peter Ryan
 - 1) Admitted freshman with two or more ACT sub-scores below 17 (in Math, English or Reading) will be contacted as they will need to improve at least one of the scores before beginning their fall semester at MSU.
 - 2) IHL policy requires entering freshmen take appropriate introductory courses their first semester when their ACT sub scores are below 17.
 - 3) Students can take advantage of the Summer II College Ready Program where students can take remedial options however they could also take the course(s) at a community college.
 - 4) The students will take a Learning Skills class.
 - 5) A summer Pell grant will be available to assist students.
 - 6) Dr. Julia Hodges inquired what would happen if student had sub scores in all three areas. Dr. Ryan answered it is required by IHL so they would have to take the remedial instruction the first semester.
 - 7) Will promote retaking the ACT to improve a required subject. The highest sub score from each test is accepted.

- III. Approval of AOP's – Dr. Peter Ryan
 - 1) AOP 11:06 Study Abroad and other International Travel by Students
 - a. Dr. Julie Jordan spoke at last Council regarding the policy and procedures currently implemented regarding student travel overseas.
 - b. Detailed language will be removed from the policy as the federal government changes regulations very quickly in response to current events. (Details will be available in a procedures document.)

Dr. Ryan made a motion to approve and Dr. Oswald gave the second.
The motion passed with none opposed.

- IV. Other Business
 - 1) John Dickerson – Summer School
 - a. There has been a slight decline the last two summers for summer school. Had close to a 2% drop from 2016 to 2017 and 2015 to 2017 is 7.3%. Admissions and Register are looking into ways to increase the number as well as Financial Aid. The Perkins Loan Program has ended however students are eligible to receive the Pell Grant during the summer.

- b. Working with Sid Salter on developing a summer school information website where all the information will be together.
- c. Dr. Bonner added we need to do whatever we can to offer the classes the students want and need to take.
- d. Distance Learning will make sure courses will be available.
- e. Professor Jim West opened a discussion on out of state tuition.
 - i. Dr. Hodges stated a study was done several years ago that showed a lot of out of state students were going to summer school and paying for it themselves. How many additional students would we have to attract out of that pool to cut tuition and it was a significant number.
 - ii. Layton Little added the Student Association provides 20 out of state scholarships each summer.
 - iii. A large number of students stay in town and work but may take classes if it were more affordable.
- f. Discussion opened regarding guaranteed seats in summer classes.
 - i. Dr. Oswald questioned how big of a problem students had in not being able to get into the summer classes.
 - ii. Layton Little stated the problem is more of courses that are not offered in the summer.
 - iii. Dr. Follett stated it is more that the courses do not make because of a lack of students.
- g. Dr. Bonner asked for the Deans to review what is offered in the summer and if a seat guarantee could be added. This will show we are serious about taking care of the students if they let us know by a deadline and we can have a guarantee on the class.

- 2) Sharon Oswald – College of Business will be hosting Lillie Ledbetter March 27 for the Seal Speaker.

Dismissed at 2:10 PM