

Associate Deans Council
August 14, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Ryan (Chair), Amy Adkerson, Tim Chamblee, John Dickerson, Jim Dunne, Brent Fountain, Nancy Fultz, Jeffrey Haupt, Ron McLaughlin, Lynda Moore, Tabor Mullen, Ian Munn, Seth Oppenheimer, Steve Parrott, Kari Babski-Reeves, Kevin Rogers, Susan Seal, Scott Willard, Lauren Wright, Nathan Griffey, Laura Dunne, Lee Napier, Bob Wolverton, Judy Ridner, Tina Gilliland

Dr. Peter Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in Dunn Conference Room, McCain Hall.

1. Consideration of the minutes

Upon a motion made by Peter Ryan, the minutes of July 10, 2019 were approved as presented.

2. Announcements

- Due to the General Faculty Meeting being on August 28th at 1:30, the Associate Deans Council Meeting time will be changed to 12:00 in Dunn Conference Room.
- The Provost and the Vice President of Student Affairs have approved the inclusion of a University Safety Statement in all class syllabi.
- MSU is unveiling a Bachelor of Applied Science program. This is a new degree program for students who have earned an Associates Degree in Applied Science.

3. Results of Advising Survey – Brent Fountain

- Dr. Fountain presented the results of the Advising Survey conducted by the Provost Office and the Division of Student Affairs. Forty-two Departments participated in the survey with 1,197 participants.
- Demographic information was not asked during the survey.
- The results of the survey and the power point from Dr. Fountain will be sent, via email, to all Associate Deans Council members.

4. Student Success Portal – Laura Dunn

- The Student Success Portal website is: ssp.msstate.edu . This is a living system that pulls in data every morning at 4:30. It holds about 11 years of historical data. All faculty members and student advisors, using Banner, have automatic access to the Student Success Portal.
- There are four important features of the Student Success Portal:
 - View student information
 - Send email to students
 - Show intermediate courses and class rosters
 - Show upper level scheduling

5. TOFEL Super Scores – Lauren Wright

- This is an English Language Proficiency Test that all international students must complete to be admitted to the university.
- MyBest Score is the highest score of the sub-sections of the test the students have taken in the last two years and makes a Super Score. It is up to the university if they would like to accept

the Super Score or not. Ms. Lauren Wright is going to survey other Peer and Peer+ institutions to see if they have adopted the TOFEL Super Score for English proficiency assessment of international student applicants.

6. Military Credit Opportunities for Degree Completions – Nathan Griffey

- Currently MSU evaluates Joint Service Transcripts (JST) from the Department of Defense. The Department of Defense uses recommendations from Academic Council on Education (ACE) to evaluate and recommend academic credit from occupations and courses that veterans may have taken while in the military.
- Mr. Griffey's power point will be sent, via email to the Associate Deans Council Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.