

Associate Deans Council
February 10, 2020
“WebEx” Meeting Minutes

Present: Jim Dunne, Tracey Baham, John Dickerson, Randy Follett, Dana Franz, Nancy Fultz, Robert Green, Brien Henry, Jeffrey Haupt, Deborah Lee, Melanie Loehwing, Lynda Moore, Tabor Mullen, Ian Munn, Seth Oppenheimer, Steve Parrott, Kevin Rogers, Susan Seal, Emily Shaw, Scott Willard, Lauren Wright, Regina Hyatt, Sawyer Bowering, Tina Gilliland

Dr. Jim Dunne called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of the minutes

Upon a motion made by Dr. Ian Munn, the minutes from January 13, 2020 were approved with no edits.

2. Student Success Taskforce Findings – Dr. Regina Hyatt

- Dr. Regina Hyatt presented a power-point presentation to the council, which showed the population of student identities and ethnicities.
- Student Success is measured by academic measures: persistence, retention, graduation and by holistic measures: career readiness skills, job placement, personal development, civic engagement, leadership development.
- MSU’s graduation rate, among 41 public southeastern R1 institutions falls below the median in all categories of students.
- The taskforce would like to begin conversations regarding a campus wide way of thinking about student success that focus on 1.) Assets-based vs. deficit based, 2.) Student’s being college ready vs. colleges/universities being student ready, 3.) Equity minded
- The recommendations from the taskforce:
 - Develop institution-wide capacity for student success practice across all colleges & divisions.
 - Encourage greater emphasis on student success for first-generation, low-income students.
 - Create a culture that addresses disparities in retention and graduation rates among underrepresented students, particularly African American students.
 - Increase efforts to bolster first year to second-year retention rates.
 - Deliver an effective and consistent advising experience across all student populations.
 - Increase the number of bachelor’s degrees awarded across all student populations.
- This taskforce also recommends a standing committee to oversee and help address ongoing metrics around student success, building capacity among our staff and faculty, analyzing our data.
- Dr. Shaw has asked Dr. Thomas Bourgeois to step into an interim role as the Associate Vice President for Student Success in addition to his Dean of Student responsibilities.

3. Announcements:

- **Canvas to Banner Automated Grade Transfer** – Mr. Steve Parrott
 - Mr. Parrott announced that on February 6th the university will launch the ability for instructors to transfer grades from Canvas to Banner seamlessly. The recommended deadline for the first progress report is Feb. 22nd. The date was later pushed back to February 25, 2021 due to last week's winter weather.
 - There are definite rolls that faculty will need to have to be able to do the functionality of moving grades from canvas to banner. TA's will not have the capability of moving grades from canvas to banner.
 - In order for the grade transfer to work properly, the course must use the following in Canvas: 1.) Total Grades Column, 2.) Grading Scheme
 - Workshops for faculty are available on Feb. 16, 17 & 18.

- **Network Refresh** – Mr. Steve Parrott
 - The network refresh started in November 2020 including replacing all the switches in the residence halls as well as deploying over 1500 wireless access points in all the residence hall and the Greek houses.
 - There are still more than 200 buildings throughout campus where the switches must be replaced. In order to get this accomplished during this calendar year, the network will need to be cut during the day. On Friday, Feb. 12 we are scheduled to work in Ag & Bio Engineering and Cobb, so the network will be cut off for the day. On Feb. 19th work will be done in Briscoe, Freeman, Stafford and on Feb. 26, Clay Lyle and Moore. Instructors in these building need to be relocated or teach virtually during these days.

- **Disciplinary Honors Classes** – Dr. Seth Oppenheimer

When there is a disciplinary honors class, please make sure that your departments require the honors attribute for a student to register themselves. If a non-honors student wishes to enroll, please encourage your faculty to evaluate these students to ensure they will be successful and have the right intellectual attitude before granting a waiver.

- The University Academic Advising Awards nominations are due March 22nd.

Meeting adjourned: 2:34 PM