

**Associate Deans Council**  
**January 22, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Ryan (Chair), Tommy Anderson, Tracey Baham, Tim Chamblee, John Dickerson, Jim Dunne, Robert Green, Jeffrey Haupt, Brien Henry, Cristine Jackson, Terry Jayroe, Ron McLaughlin, Pat Matthes, Lynda Moore, Tabor Mullen, Ian Munn, Seth Oppenheimer, Steve Parrott, Judy Ridner, Kevin Rogers, Susan Seal, Michael Seymour, Scott Willard, Juan Benavides, 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 from January 8, 2020 were approved with no corrections.

**2. Campusknot Presentation – Clint VanCourt, VP of Sales**

- Campusknot is a classroom technology tool that bridges the gap between faculty and students to create an active learning environment inside the classroom.
- Campusknot enhances student-centered learning and collaboration by utilizing technology that provides a modern teaching and learning experience.
- This program was founded in 2015 by 3 MSU students.
- It offers Admin Panel to track engagement, attendance, and activity. Also engages and enhances classroom interaction. There are polls for live feedback also. The program includes discussion feeds for peer to peer learning.
- The cost of Campusknot for students would be \$6.99 for 6 months.
- After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Ryan encouraged departments who are interested in this technology or possibly adopting this program that they should contact Clint VanCourt directly at [clint.vancourt@campusknot.com](mailto:clint.vancourt@campusknot.com) (1-228-223-6159)

**3. AOP's**

➤ **AOP 12.10: Recognition of Undergraduate Academic Achievement**

There is a recommendation to change the language in item number 2 on page 1. The issue is that students should not be eligible for academic honors (e.g., Cum Laude, Magna or Summa Cum Laude) if they invoke any of the amnesty or forgiveness policies that would recalculate earned grades to receive such honors. If a student invokes one or more of the following policies: academic amnesty, academic forgiveness, F-Grade forgiveness for the University Studies degree, or academic fresh-start, then the student should not be eligible for academic achievement status, unless grades earned exceed the benefit of these grade re-calculation policies.

Tabor Mullen questioned this change due to the fact that advisors often recommend to students to invoke one of these “forgiveness” policies.

After a lengthy discussion, Ian Munn suggested that Dr. Ryan call for a vote. Those in favor of the recommendation were 12 in favor, 4 opposed, and no abstentions. Also, item number 3 page 1 should include the F-Grade forgiveness for University Studies degree regarding the Stephen D. Lee Scholar Award.

AOP 12:10 was approved by Associate Deans Council pending the appropriate language mentioned above be added to the policy.

#### **4. Announcements**

- Nancy Fultz emailed information regarding the Academic Advising Awards to all academic and advising units this past week. Please submit your nominations as soon as possible. The deadline for submissions is March 23, 2020.
- Dr. Ryan informed the Council that Dr. Kevin Armstrong will Chair the Graduate Studies Task Force. This group will be reaching out to departments to obtain feedback on concerns, impediments, opportunities and other issues facing graduate education at Mississippi State University.
- Dr. Jason Lueg will be assisting the Office of Graduate Studies on developing strategic plan for the Office of the Graduate School. As part of this exercise the Graduate School will be reaching out to all stakeholders (e.g., Program Coordinators, Graduate Faculty, Graduate Students, Associate Deans and others) in developing and finalizing a mission and set of goals for the Graduate School.
- Just a reminder, please discuss with your department the pro and cons of awarding academic credit for new students who have completed AP Capstone project (received a score of 3 or better).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.