

**Associate Deans Council**  
**May 12, 2021**  
**“WebEx” Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Ryan, Tracey Baham, Diane Daniels, Randy Follett, Nancy Fultz, Robert Green, Kimberly Hall, Jeffrey Haupt, Brien Henry, Christine Jackson, Deborah Lee, Melanie Loehwing, Ron McLaughlin, Tabor Mullen, Ian Munn, Seth Oppenheimer, Steve Parrott, Kevin Rogers, Susan Seal, Michael Seymour, Emily Shaw, Scott Willard, Lauren Wright, Jaiki Shumpert, Angus Catchot, Campbell Taylor, Tina Gilliland

Dr. Peter Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**1. Consideration of the minutes**

Upon a motion made by Dr. Kevin Rogers and second by Dr. Randy Follett, the minutes from April 28, 2021 were approved with no edits.

**2. Announcements:**

- Dr. Peter Ryan stated there would be a meeting of the Fall Convocation Group soon. Fall Convocation will be a face-to-face event this year and will be held on August 24, 2021.

**3. AOP's**

➤ **AOP 12.17: undergraduate Academic Fresh-start or Academic Amnesty**

The following suggested edit was emailed to Dr. Peter Ryan by Ms. Lynda Moore:

*“The individual may request academic amnesty through the student’s academic dean’s office at any time after admission or re-admission up until the end of the semester preceding that in which the student graduates.”*

Ms. Moore stated this language matches the wording on the Academic Amnesty Form.

There was a lengthy discussion about the next statement in this AOP.

The statement is listed here:

*“If the academic dean approves the petition, all credits earned, regardless of grade, during the specified four consecutive years will be eliminated from the student’s grade point average and may never be used towards graduation at Mississippi State University?”*

After a lengthy discuss regarding this statement, the AOP was tabled for further discussion with the following group: Emily Shaw, Nancy Fultz, Carrie Rybolt, Peter Ryan, Robert Green, Seth Oppenheimer, Campbell Taylor, and Scott Willard.

➤ **AOP 12.12: Credit & Grades**

Language has been added to this AOP, to address what some call “auto fail”.

The Provost charged Drs. Ryan, Keith, Travis and Hoblet to write language to utilize the required course competencies without using the auto fail approach.

After a lengthy discussion, AOP 12.12 has been tabled for further discussion.

**4. New Business:**

- When international graduate students complete their degree requirements, it’s imperative that they apply for graduation. When international students do not apply for graduation at the appropriate time, it violates their visa requirements. This practice puts the university at risk of not being able to hire international personnel. Please bring this to the attention of your department head and faculty.

Meeting adjourned: 3:07 PM