

Associate Deans Council
October 9, 2019
Meeting Minutes
Dunn Conference Room
1:30 PM

Present: Peter Ryan (Chair), Tommy Anderson, Tracey Baham, John Dickerson, Jim Dunne, Brent Fountain, Nancy Fultz, Dana Franz, Robert Green, Brien Henry, Christine Jackson, Ron McLaughlin, Lynda Moore, Tabor Mullen, Ian Munn, Steve Parrott, Kevin Rogers, Lauren Wright, Juan Benavides, Emily Shaw, Lori Staggs, Stephen Cunetto, 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 September 25, 2019 were approved with no edits.

2. Announcements:

- The Graduate Research Symposium was held on Saturday, October 5 in McCool Hall. There were over 80 abstracts submitted for presentation at the symposium. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success.
- Please note that Judges are needed for the 3M Thesis competition which begins on Nov. 14. Please contact the Office of the Graduate School if you wish to volunteer.
- Please remind instructors that they should not use the GDP grade notation for grade reporting unless the student's grade is under review for academic misconduct. Some instructors used the GDP notation for progress grades in the absence of an earned grade. This is not an appropriate use of this grade notation. Robert Green suggested possibly changing this code. The Registrar's Office will investigate this possibility and report back to the council.
- Dr. Peter Ryan requested of Dr. Dana Franz to form a subcommittee of the UCCC to into developing recommendations on the definition of Hybrid Blended Courses.
- The Office of the Graduate School sent a recommendation to the Program Coordinators, Department Heads & Associate Deans to move the last date to take a qualifying exam, comprehensive exam, thesis or dissertation defense to the following dates: November 1, April 1, and July 1. This recommendation will only be considered if the Library Thesis and Dissertations Office approves of the date change.
- Dr. Peter Ryan announced that the university is working on a branding and marketing strategy for the Bachelor's Masters Degree. Dr. Mike Breazeale, College of Business, has assigned this as a project for the students in his Marketing class. – The hope is that the students will present a strategy report before the end of the semester.
- The Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President is hosting an Academic Pathways meeting with a number of community colleges where we currently have an academic pathways agreement. This event will be held on October 25 in Coskrey Auditorium in Memorial Hall.
- The new BAS Program will begin accepting students into the program January 1, 2020. The taskforce has been making progress working with the academic units in identify emphasis areas for students to pursue in this degree program.

3. Standardized Testing Requirements

- Currently there are important conversations ongoing regarding standardized testing requirements as part of the admissions requirements for the graduate degree programs.
- Dr. Kevin Rogers reported that the College of Business is looking into a possible certificate program as an alternative route into the MBA for students without a competitive GMAT/GRE score.
- Dr. Ryan is encouraging departments to consider alternative options to standardized tests for certain populations of students (e.g., accomplished adult learners etc.).

4. NACADA and Advising Awards – Lynda Moore

- Ms. Lynda Moore discussed membership in NACADA. She promoted the nomination of academic faculty and staff advisors for NACADA academic advising awards. Ms. Moore did a walk-through of how to access the NACADA website and demonstrated navigation tools.
- This website is a tremendous resource for professional development.
- Membership gives access to all tutorials/training, etc.
- Ms. Moore will send the link to the NACADA website to the council.

5. New Business:

- Dr. Susan Seal said the Center for Distance Education is working on a seamless transfer process agreement with Hinds & Copiah-Lincoln Community Colleges to facilitate transfer of students to MSU. There will be a Virtual Application Session on Oct. 23rd at 11:00 AM and 8:00 PM with Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Live chat with Financial Aid, Admissions, etc. will be available. The goals at the end of this session is for the student to click submit to apply for admission.
- Dr. Brent Fountain stated that Maroon You is wrapping up on Oct. 21st.
- Steve Parrott said MSU 1X will not be available as of October 15. There are still over 12,000 users on 1X.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.