

**Deans Council Minutes**  
**September 5, 2019**  
**1:30 PM**  
**Presidents Conference Room, Lee Hall**

Members Present: David Shaw, Richard Blackburn, Angi Bourgeois, Frances Coleman, Kent Hoblet, George Hopper, Mary Ann Jones, Jason Keith, Sharon Oswald, Peter Ryan, Chris Snyder, Rick Travis

Others Present: Tim Chamblee, Amy Adkerson (for John Dickerson), Julie Jordan, Brandon Jolly (for Joan Lucas), Steve Parrott, Marion Chancellor (for Susan Seal), Jake Manning

Minutes Taken By: Dinah Jenkins

- I. Provost David Shaw called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 Deans Council meeting.  
George Hopper moved to approve the minutes and Frances Coleman gave the second.  
The July 1, 2019 minutes were approved with no edits.
  
- II. Brent Fountain – Advising Survey /Maroon U update
  - Survey conducted December 2018-January 2019
  - 1,197 undergraduate student responses
  - Students reported participating primarily in individual advising sessions (86%)
  - Students primarily reported being advised once (44%) or 2-3 times (40%) each semester
  - 80% of students reported a good understanding of their program sequence
  - 89% of students reported reviewing their CAPP in the previous 12 months
  - 35% of students reported changing their major with 75% of those reporting changing their major once.
  - 61% of students reported needing at least some help with course selection
  - 78% of students reported following advisor’s course recommendations
  - 74% of students reported never retaking a course to improve a course grade or grade point average
  - 65% of students reported being either satisfied or strongly satisfied with academic advising obtained at Mississippi State University
  - Of the negative comments (n=129), communication (26%) and information (19%) were the top two categories identified
  - Of the positive comments (n=85), name of advisor (52%) was the top category identified
  
- III. Tuition Distribution Model for Dual-Degree International Programs – Julie Jordan  
MSU – UIR 2020 Scholarship Program
  - MSU and Universite International de Rabat in Morocco established the first partnership agreement in 2015.
  - Over 75 students from UIR have enrolled and completed degree programs in Aerospace Engineering.
  - New agreement offers admitted UIR students a scholarship equivalent to 50% of Tuition. Must be applied for each term (semester) of continuous enrollment at MSU.
  - Effective for Fall 2020 enrollment and must meet these requirements:
    - Meet all MSU admission requirements for international students.
    - Have completed at least 3 years as full-time student at UIR.
    - Be actively enrolled at UIR at time of MSU application.

- Viable to a UIR student for no more than 21 terms of enrollment with term being any fall, spring and summer session. The scholarship shall end upon completion of a PhD program.

#### MSU Academic Agreements

- Colleges and departments are encouraged to develop dual degree programs with UIR similar to what Bagley College of Engineering has had in place for 5 years.
- To incentivize dual degree programs, MSU has agreed to a tuition disbursement plan for colleges and departments.

#### IV. Approval of AOP's – Peter Ryan

- AOP 13.09: Credentials for Teaching and Degree Program Coordination Policy was tabled to allow more time for review.

#### V. Other Business – David Shaw

- Allen Hall – Issues with odors. Actively working on situation. The Consultant's Report does not point to an ongoing problem. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will be painted and have new flooring and ceilings installed. Discussion on problems if classrooms should need to be relocated.
- Task force regarding student evaluations on teaching to set forth recommendations on how we can move forward as an institution on this subject. Jeff Dean is chair with student, faculty, department heads and associate deans' representation along with each college having one person if not two representatives.
- A task force has been formed that will be putting together thoughts on Students Success and retention.
- A question was posed in Faculty Senate meeting on how to advise and mentor faculty as they are coming up through the clinical professor ranks. A group will be formed of faculty and associate deans as to what our expectations are that will reflect our institutional values.
- The BAS program has a lot of momentum that is building with more discussions to come.

Dismissed at 2:50 PM