

Associate Deans Council
April 13, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Ryan, Thomas Bourgeois, Tracey Baham, Steve Bullard, John Dickerson, Jim Dunne, Dana Franz, Nancy Fultz, Robert Green, Don Grebner, Brien Henry, Christine Jackson, Deborah Lee, Melanie Loehwing, Bethany Mills, Lynda Moore, Tabor Mullen, Steve Parrott, Andy Perkins, Kevin Rogers, Michael Seymour, Darrell Sparks, Lisa Stricklin, Lauren Wright, Ann Radicioni, Kelly Marsh, Kalie Dunlap, Logan Link, 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 a second by Dr. Robert Green, the minutes from March 9, 2022, were approved.

2. Announcements:

- The Graduate Student Association Awards Banquet is tonight, April 13, at the Hunter Henry Center, has been moved to 5:00 PM due to inclement weather.

3. Statement of Teaching Values – Professor Michael Seymour and Dr. Kelly Marsh

- The Fall 2020 report of the Provost’s Task Force on Evaluation of Teaching Performance made multiple recommendations, the first of which was to “Commence a process to adopt an institutional ‘Statement of Teaching Excellence at MSU’ that identifies shared values and expectations.” The expectation was that MSU’s Center for Teaching and Learning would initiate such a process.
(The statement was provided to the council prior to today’s meeting.)

CTL proposes to begin the process of adopting such a statement by submitting a draft for consideration by MSU faculty and administration. Instead of “Teaching Excellence,” which may connote an emphasis on special recognition, we have focused on “Teaching Values” with the goal of creating a statement that would be relevant to everyone who teaches at MSU.

Dr. Tracey Baham stated that Dr. Dana Franz had a few questions/suggestions regarding the statement, however she had a prior commitment and left the ADC meeting early. Dr. Franz was asked to forward her comments/suggestions to Dr. Ryan so that they may be reviewed by council members.

- Professor Michael Seymour made a motion to approve the statement, contingent on Dr. Franz’s suggestions; a second was received by Dr. Robert Green. The motion passed.
If any edits are made to this statement, it will be reviewed by the council members again prior to moving it to Faculty Senate.

4. Honor Code Report – Dr. Tabor Mullen

- Dr. Tabor Mullen shared the 2021 Fall Semester Honor Code Report with the council. Please direct any questions regarding this report to Dr. Mullen.

5. Update on University Advising Plans – Dr. Thomas Bourgeois

- The university is looking into pilot programs where students would be assigned to professional advisors. Initially eight “Student Success Coordinators” will be hired to advise students. These coordinators would be housed in Old Main and would work closely with the department and possibly advise freshmen and sophomores. These students would then be passed on to the department, later in their academic career, for their upper level advising. A lengthy and productive discussion ensued about the proposed new academic advising plan.

6. AOP’s

Due to time constraints, the two AOP’s on today’s agenda were tabled until the next meeting, which is April 27, 2022. This motion was made by Dr. Tabor Mullen and seconded by Dr. Dana Franz.

Adjourned 2:50 PM