

**Associate Deans Council
October 26, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Peter Ryan, Tracey Baham, Bimal Balakrishnan, Steve Bullard, John Dickerson, Jim Dunne, Anastasia Elder, Brent Fountain, Cameron Fox, Dana Franz, Robert Green, Brien Henry, Christine Jackson, Melanie Loehwing, Ron McLaughlin, Steve Parrott, Andy Perkins, Kevin Rogers, Susan Seal, Emily Shaw, Lisa Stricklin, Lauren Wright, David Nolen, Megan Artz, Jermaine Jackson, Shelby Balius, 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. Robert Green and a second by Dr. Anastasia Elder, the minutes from October 12, 2022, were approved.

2. Announcements

Dr. Ryan mentioned that several Memorandum of Agreements (MOAs) have bypassed the Provost Office, All MOAs should be sent to Dr. Ryan in the Provost Office. Dr. Ryan reviews them and certifies that General Counsel has approved them prior to Dr. Shaw signing. MOAs are also archived in the Provost's Office. Please do not sent MOAs directly to Dr. Shaw.

3. AOP's

➤ **AOP 12.08: Requirements for Academic Programs and Academic Consortial/Contractual Agreements**

A motion to accept the document as presented was made by Dr. Melanie Loehwing and a second was made by Mr. Cameron Fox.

- Dr. Melanie Loehwing asked if the minimum of 87 to 90 hours in a specialized discipline of most majors would be problematic because they usually include about 15-20 hours of general electives. After a brief discussion, the language will be changed to "The major core can contain additional requirements beyond the minimum."
- Dr. Steve Bullard pointed out a spelling error on page 6, number two – cohort should be changed to coherent.
- Dr. Loehwing also requested that the letter (s) be added to the word discipline, throughout the policy.
- Dr. Anastasia Elder requested that the phrase "within a discipline" be removed from page three, the section on minors and the section on concentration.
- After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Ryan made a motion to table this document and Dr. Robert Green seconded the motion.

AOP 12.08 tabled by Associate Deans Council.

4. Transformational Change Updates – Dr. Brent Fountain, Dr. Tracey Baham, Ms. Shelby Balius

- Dr. Fountain shared the timeline of events surrounding the strategic plan starting in April 2019 with the State of Excellence plan with the former Provost and moving into the transition to strategic planning under Dr. Shaw. With a generous gift from a donor, MSU was able to collaborate with a company called Prophet to develop branding strategies. The work then evolved into strategic planning exercises. Ms. Balius then described the North Star vision statement and five key pillars of activities that will support our transformation. Dr. Baham presented the outputs, outcomes, and impacts that the transformation will track to measure our progress.
- Dr. Fountain stated the Steering Committee is made up of the President’s Executive Cabinet. This cabinet makes directional decisions to determine whether new initiatives serve the North Star Vision.
- The Transformational Management Team includes Dr. Brent Fountain, Dr. Tracey Baham, Ms. Shelby Balius and Mr. Chris Bryant.
- Dr. Fountain urged the council to contact the Transformational Management Team with any questions or to assist with the transformational efforts.

Meeting adjourned 3:00