

Associate Deans Council
February 12, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jim Dunne, Steve Bullard, Tracey Craven, Anastasia Elder, Dana Franz, Kim Hall, Brien Henry, Christine Jackson, Dominic Lippillo, Melanie Loehwing, Lucy Mellen, Bethany Mills, Lynda Moore White, Eric Moyon, Tabor Mullen, David Nolen, Alicia Olivier, Sean Owen, Andy Perkins, Kevin Rogers, Adrian Sescu, Michael Seymour, Darrell Sparks, Emily Shaw, Paul Spurlin, Shelby Tschume, Lisa Stricklin, Lauren Wright, Kayla Pineda, Tina Gilliland

Dr. Jim Dunne called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

1. Consideration of the minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Kevin Rogers and seconded by Dr. Adrian Sescu to accept the minutes from January 22, 2025, as presented. The minutes were approved with no edits.

2. QEP's Bulldog Recognition – Dr. Kayla Pineda

- Dr. Kayla Pineda shared with the council that the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is available beginning today. This is for first year and senior students. Students that respond to the survey by March 26th will be entered into a drawing, however the survey will be available through the entire spring semester.
- Dr. Pineda also stated that qualifying students that apply will receive a QEP Bulldog Recognition tassel they can wear with their regalia during graduation ceremony. They will also receive recognition on their transcript.

3. Career Center Summer Internship Support Fund and the MS State Career Closet – Ms. Bethany Mills

- Ms. Mills stated that funding assistance for summer interns may be available through the Summer Internship Support Fund.
The deadline for students to apply for assistance is April 11, 2025.
More information can be found at <https://www.career.msstate.edu/internship-support-fund/>.
- The MS State Career Closet is a collaborative program sponsored by the Career Center and the College of Business. This program offers students professional clothing, for professional development opportunities such as interviewing, career fairs, and networking events, at a discounted rate.
More information can be found at <https://myhyde.com/uni/mississippi-state-career-closet-x-mcc/>.

4. Faculty Success Initiative Update – Dr. Jim Dunne

- Dr. Dunne shared copies of a power point presentation that was recently shared with the deans regarding Faculty Instructional Evaluations. The deans made a significant change on slide number four: “Just including the results of the end-of-course student survey is not sufficient to garner Effective Performance on the annual review.” Previously the statement was “should not be sufficient.”
- Dr. Dunne distributed copies of the Faculty Success Team Charter and Objectives document. The Faculty Success Team is a new initiative from the Office of the Provost & Executive Vice President that is dedicated to fostering an environment where faculty members can thrive in their teaching, research, and service roles. Their mission is to support faculty development, enhance faculty well-being, and promote a culture of excellence and inclusivity across the university.

5. Announcements:

- Dr. Brien Henry mentioned that the Graduate School is in the process of moving to Magruder Hall over the next few days.

- Ms. Emily Shaw remind the council that the CIM system is out of commission this week.
- Ms. Lisa Stricklin reminded council members that Academic Advising nominations are due by Feb. 18 at 5:00 pm.
- Ms. Christine Jackson reminded everyone that book adoptions for summer school are due soon.
- Professor Michael Seymour asked that council members share with their faculty that Maroon Academy for Teaching Excellence is currently accepting applications through April 4, 2025.
- Dr. Anastasia Elder announced the Research Symposium submissions are due March 7, 2025. The symposium will be held April 9 & 10, 2025, in the Colvard Student Union.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm