

**Associate Deans Council**  
**April 9, 2025**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Ryan, Amy Adkerson, Tracey Baham, Robert Banik, Sawyer Bowering, Steve Bullard, Kayla Carr, Tracy Craven, Jim Dunne, Anastasia Elder, Keegan Figueroa, Brent Fountain, Dana Franz, Robert Green, Kim Hall, Brien Henry, Christine Jackson, Dominic Lippillo, Melanie Loehwing, Bethany Mills, Lynda Moore White, Tabor Mullen, David Nolen, Sean Owen, Andy Perkins, Kevin Rogers, Carrie Rybolt, Michael Seymour, Darrell Sparks, Paul Spurlin, Lisa Stricklin, Shelby Tschume, Lauren Wright, Jack Smith, Tina Gilliland

Dr. Anastasia Elder, co-chair for today, called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

**1. Consideration of the minutes**

A motion was made by Dr. Robert Green and seconded by Dr. Kevin Rogers to accept the minutes from April 9, 2025. The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

**2. Advisors Council Leadership Election – Ms. Lynda Moore White**

Ms. Lynda Moore White reminded council members that nominations for Advisors Council for leadership positions are open. Please encourage your advisors to join the council, which meets monthly with additional workshops throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lynda Moore White.

**3. AOPs**

➤ **AOP 12.09: Class Attendance & Reporting Absences**

Dr. Kevin Rogers made a motion to accept AOP 12.09 as presented to council members and a second motion was made by Dr. Robert Green.

Faculty Senate President, Robert Banik stated that Faculty Senate made some changes to this AOP, and he wanted to address those changes today and provide some background information.

On page two, after the last bullet item, the following two sentences were added by Faculty Senate:

- “Voting on the day of the General Election during Presidential election years.”
- “Other absences not appearing in the above list may be excused at the discretion of the instructor.”

Multiple council members voiced concerns about students receiving the entire day off for voting purposes and were concerned about verifying if those students voted.

After a brief discussion, Dr. Kevin Rogers made a motion to delete “Voting on the day of the General Election during Presidential election years.” Dr. Rogers also made the motion to keep “Other absences not appearing in the above list may be excused at the discretion of the instructor.” Dr. Brien Henry seconded this motion, and the motion passed with two members abstaining.

AOP 12.09 was approved by the council and will now be sent to Deans Council for their review.

**4. Announcements**

- Dr. Anastasia Elder mentioned that this is Honor’s Thesis Week, and the event is open to everyone.
- Dr. Tabor Mullen reminded council members of the mental stress students are under as the semester comes to an end.

Meeting adjourned 2:05 PM