

Associate Deans Council
May 28, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Ryan, Tracey Baham, Robert Banik, Sawyer Bowering, Steve Bullard, Kayla Carr, Tracy Craven, Jim Dunne, Anastasia Elder, Dana Franz, Robert Green, Kim Hall, Brien Henry, Christine Jackson, Dominic Lippillo, Melanie Loehwing, Bethany Mills, Lynda Moore-White, David Nolen, Sean Owen, Andy Perkins, Kevin Rogers, Emily Shaw, Deanna Smith, Darrell Sparks, Lisa Stricklin, Shelby Tschume, Lauren Wright, Jason Tiffin, Cat Walker, Tina Gilliland

Dr. Peter Ryan 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 May 14, 2025. The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

2. Dr. Peter Ryan welcomed two new council members: Mr. Jason Tiffin, Deputy CIO, ITS and Dr. Cat Walker, Associate Dean of Students.

3. Advisors Council – Ms. Lynda Moore-White

- Ms. Moore-White shared a power point presentation from the May Advisor's Council Meeting, which focused on Orientation and the expectations of advisors.
- One key point that Ms. Moore-White mentioned was the importance of continued "recruiting during orientation." While MSU has a high yield rate with Orientation, it is important to be in the recruiting mindset and provide an impactful advising experience for all students.
- All information from the May Advisors Council Meeting is available on their Canvas page.

4. Announcements

Dr. Ryan reminded council members of the following events:

- New Faculty Orientation – August 12, 2025
- Fall Convocation – August 26, 2025
- Dr. Ryan invited council members to an appreciation lunch on July 9, at noon. We will need to relocate to a larger space; Ms. Gilliland will be sending out the location later.
- Dr. Ryan announced that the School of Nursing at MSU Meridian, received its accreditation notice and is now an accredited program. The first cohort will graduate in August 2025.

5. New Business

- Dr. Melanie Loehwing asked council members how their departments were managing overrides with the new tuition model. After a brief discussion, Dr. Kevin Rogers asked Ms. Emily Shaw if her staff could pull data on student overloads (17 or more hours). Ms. Shaw will get that information together and share with each department.
- Dr. Robert Green asked if a quick reference chart (showing what other universities are doing regarding overloads) exists to help when speaking to parents during orientation. Dr. Ryan will see if something can be created to assist with Dr. Green's request.

- Ms. Emily Shaw stated that 451 grades were not reported by the deadline set by the Registrar's Office. Dr. Loehwing requested if this information could be formatted in an excel spreadsheet so that it can be shared with the academic departments.
- Ms. Shaw also mentioned that the Graduate School will be receiving information during the summer from the Registrar's Office about transitioning to clearing students in degree works.
- Dr. Robert Green announced that the Bagley College of Engineering will have its Cybersecurity ABET Accreditation visit October 5-7, 2025.
- Dr. Anastasia Elder stated the Summer Research Showcase will be July 31, 2025, in the Colvard Student Union.
- Ms. Lauren Wright stated that all student visa applications have been paused, by the Department of Education, for the near future. Impacted students may have the option to take courses online if they are still a resident in their home country as this would not impact their visa status while the pause is in places. Academic Departments are working to see how they may provide online course access.
- Dr. Steve Bullard reported to the council that he received information from the Career Center showing that FWRC graduating students were 100% employed in almost every degree program.
- There will be a Career Fair on September 23, 2025.
- All Career Center events will be live on July 9, 2025.
- Ms. Christine Jackson proudly announced the following Spring 2025 Semester Highlights for MSU's student athletes:
 - 3.37 departmental GPA (Athletic Academics Department - highest on record)
 - 16th consecutive semesters with a departmental GPA of a 3.0 or higher
 - 17 out of the last 20 semesters with a departmental GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - 11 out of 13 teams earned a 3.0 or higher
 - 51 student athletes have applied for graduation; 11 of which are for master's degree
- Dr. Robert Green stated that engineering students competed in year three of the four-year Eco Car Competition in Uma, AZ and received eight 1st place awards.

Meeting adjourned 2:24 PM