

Associate Deans Council
March 13, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Present: Peter Ryan (Chair), Wes Ammon, Shelby Balias, Ray Berryhill, Royce Bowden, Lori Bruce, Tim Chamblee, Karen Coats, John Dickerson, Walter Diehl, Randy Follett, Nancy Fultz, Becky Gardner, Teresa Jayroe, Mitzy Johnson, David Lewis, Patricia Matthes, Scott Maynard, Ian Munn, James Orr, Gail Peyton, Julia Porter, Mike Rackley, Kevin Rogers, Steve Taylor, Walter Taylor.

Peter Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in 611 Allen Hall.

1. Consideration of the minutes.

Randy Follet made the motion and Lori Bruce seconded the motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously with the name correction for Eddie Mac Huddleston.

2. Announcements.

- Peter Ryan expressed thanks on behalf of the Office of Provost and Executive Vice President to all who attended the memorial service to honor President Emeritus Donald Zacharias.
- Peter Ryan thanked all who participated in the ceremonial tree planting event on campus during a visit from Kenyan Ambassador Elkanah Odembo to honor the memory of Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan environmentalist and author of the 2012-2013 Maroon Edition book selection, *Unbowed*.
- Peter Ryan reported on the recent meeting of the MSU Academic Advisors Council regarding information on summer orientation. MSU Orientation 2013 sessions are scheduled to be held on Monday through Friday only – no weekend sessions. The Honors Orientation for Shackouls Honors College students is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 15, 2013. The Transfer Orientation for Phi Theta Kappa members is scheduled for May 13 followed by two more transfer sessions to be held in between the Freshmen Orientation sessions during the month of June 2013. John Dickerson stated that the Registrar's office will remain open after 5:00 p.m. for assistance during the sessions. Academic units should report to the Registrar office when sessions have finished for the day.
- Peter Ryan reported on the implementation of the three-year degree program beginning at MSU in fall 2013. He expressed thanks to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education, Nancy Fultz, and all involved in the work for designing and offering these special programs at the university.
- Peter Ryan reported that the Early Start summer program's beginning enrollment has a good start as well as the Math Plus program. The two programs will run parallel during the summer term so students can be housed in the same facilities. John Dickerson confirmed the current enrollment of 42 students for the Early Start program and 14 students in Math Plus program.

3. Chair's Report -None.

4. Northwest Mississippi Community College visit – Two-plus-Two agreements.

Nancy Fultz reported on the workshop that will be held on Tuesday, March 19 in Griffis Hall at 10:30 a.m. beginning with a presentation, lunch, followed by small group meetings of the different areas of interest for a two plus two articulation agreement program. Representatives from Northwest Mississippi Community College's academic divisions will meet with MSU academic faculty and staff to review the programs. These academic programs are established for a smoother transition for students from community college to MSU.

5. AOP/OP

Peter Ryan met with General Counsel to address the concern of unsigned statements not admissible as evidence against an instructor in the policy (AOP 13.14 Grade Appeal and Academic Review Board). General Counsel stated the statement in this policy was not a problem since the policy deals primarily with grades only.

The policy will be forwarded to the Deans Council for further consideration.

- **AOP 11.05 Requirements for Shortened-Format Courses**

After discussion, the policy was approved to be forwarded to the Deans Council for review.

6. New Business.

- John Dickerson stated that the list has been updated for eligibility to wear the honor cord or sash at graduation. He will provide a list to the Associate Deans Council for review for any additions to the list.
- Karen Coats announced that Graduate Professional Student Appreciation Week will be held on April 1 – 15, 2013. More information will be provided at later date.
- Peter Ryan announced that former U. S. Secretary, Condoleezza Rice will speak at the Global Lecture Series event on March 26 at the Humphrey Coliseum at 7:00 p.m. For more information or tickets, call the Student Activities Office.
- Ray Berryhill announced the annual MSU Football Faculty Day to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. The event will begin with a tour of the Leo Seal Complex followed by football practice till 6:30 p.m. Coach Dan Mullen will address faculty and families after practice. All MSU faculty are invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned 2:06 p.m.