

Deans Council Minutes
June 3, 2013
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Members Present: Jerry Gilbert (chair), Richard Blackbourn, Royce Bowden (for Bagley College of Engineering), Steve Brown, Tim Chamblee, Frances Coleman, Lou D'Abramo, John Dickerson, Walter Diehl (for Greg Dunaway), Jerry Emison, Kent Hoblet, George Hopper, Brandon Jolly (for Joan Lucas), Kevin Rogers (for Sharon Oswald), Peter Ryan, Michael Hogan (for Shelby Sims), Chris Snyder, Jim West.

Others Present: Rachel Cannady, Teresa Gammill, Judy Spencer, Steve Taylor, Lynn Taylor.

Minutes Taken By: Martha Thomas.

1. Upon a motion by Frances Coleman and second by Chris Snyder, the minutes of the May 6, 2013, meeting were approved unanimously with no corrections.
2. Announcements:
 - a. Jerry Gilbert announced that Achille Messac will become the Dean of the Bagley College of Engineering on July 16.
 - b. Dr. Gilbert invited the deans to pick up a copy of "Physics for Future Presidents," the Maroon Edition book for 2013-14.
 - c. Dr. Gilbert gave a brief overview of Phase II Budget guidelines.
3. Library/Distance Education Information Portal:
 - a. Dean Coleman introduced Rachel Cannady, Education Reference and Distance Education Librarian.
 - b. Ms. Cannady gave a brief overview of the Distance Education Information Portal available at: <http://guides.library.msstate.edu/distancelearners>
 - c. Ms. Cannady encouraged deans to encourage their department heads and faculty to distribute the link to the portal to students. Library workshops and online tutorials are available via the portal. Ms. Cannady stated that she is working with the Center for Distance Education to offer online orientation for distance students.
 - d. Dr. Gilbert asked whether MSU is aware of how many distance students take advantage of the library services through distance. Ms. Cannady indicated that she did not have any data to answer this question but that she believed there to be an increase in the number of students using the services.
 - e. Steve Taylor commended Ms. Cannady and the Library for the Distance Education Information Portal and stated that the portal helps to ease the intimidation that students feel about research in the library.
4. Academic Operating Policies:
 - a. AOP 10.13 (propose to rescind): The Adoption and Sale of Textbooks and Related Educational Material and AOP 10.14: Textbook Sale and Adoption Policy:
 - i. Peter Ryan stated that the Associate Deans Council recommended merging AOP 10.13 into AOP 10.14. Most of the edits from the merger are found in item 5 in AOP 10.14.
 - ii. **Upon a motion by Dr. Ryan and second by Lou D'Abramo, AOP 10.13 was unanimously approved to be rescinded and AOP**

10.14 was unanimously approved as presented with no further edits.

- b. AOP 21.02 (propose to rescind): Research and Special Skill Requirement for the Ph.D. Degree:
 - i. Dr. Ryan stated that information from AOP 21.02 was incorporated into AOP 12.08 with previous approval by Deans Council.
 - ii. Dr. Gilbert recommended striking the reference to AOP 21.02 in AOP 12.08.
 - iii. **Upon a motion by Dr. Ryan and second by George Hopper, AOP 21.02 was unanimously approved to be rescinded.**
5. Other Items:
- a. Dr. Gilbert gave a brief overview about his recent trip to India and stated that he believed there would be positive outcomes as a result of the trip.
 - b. Teresa Gammill encouraged the Deans Council to participate in interviews for the position of Associate Vice President for Research.