

**Associate Deans Council**  
**January 25, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Ryan (Chair), Madelyn Barr, Tim Chamblee, John Dickerson, Jim Dunne, Randy Follett, Becky Gardner, Greg Hall, Christine Jackson, Teresa Jayroe, Rebecca Long, Tabor Mullen, Ian Munn, Mike Rackley, Nicole Rader, Kevin Rogers, Susan Seal, Emily Shaw, James Warnock.

**Guests:** George Bennett, Bobby Hamous.

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

**1. Consideration of the minutes.**

The motion was made by Kevin Rogers and seconded by Rebecca Long to approve the minutes of December 14, 2016. The motion was carried and minutes approved as presented.

**2. Announcements.**

- Peter Ryan welcomed members and guests. He expressed thanks to all for efforts toward the upcoming Academic Insight events.
- The SEC Academic Leadership Development Program (ALDP) workshop will be held on the MSU campus February 22-24, 2107 for 70 representatives from each of the 14 SEC Universities. Peter Ryan further discussed the program and expressed thanks to all participating and to colleges providing assistance to showcase MSU students.
- The SEC Academic “The Future of Water: Regional Collaboration on Shared Climate, Coastlines and Watersheds,” will be held March 27 -28, 2017 on MSU campus....
- The Academic Department Heads Executive Committee (ADHEC) Roundtable held last week included discussions on the question of how departments are informed about students suspended or dismissed. Peter Ryan stated that he and Nancy Fultz meet with each student petitioning for readmission to talk about help with university services and to find out how the student is planning to manage their studies better. He also stated, per the Registrar, that departments are not notified. However, Kevin Rogers stated that at the end of each semester a list of student suspensions and dismissals are emailed to the Associate Deans of each college. Another question discussed at the roundtable was the 15 credit hour requirement for full time status, and how does a department know if a student is receiving financial aid. After further discussion of how student aid identified in Banner would be beneficial, Mike Rackley stated that he could review the matter for possibilities of posting in Banner.

**3. Open Education Resources.**

George Bennett, General Manager of Barnes and Noble on MSU campus and Bobby Hamous, Regional Manager gave a demonstration of the Open Education (OER) courseware powered by LoudCloud. The program is a great source for faculty to adopt and use in the classroom, easy to personalize, and can provide students a lower cost of learning materials. Analytics are built in to track student progress- how performing (gradable and non-gradable) - and can track how much time a student is spending on the course. There are currently 10 courses in the system. The system can be integrated into Blackboard. If faculty are interested, please contact George Bennett at Barnes and Noble to set up a demonstration. He will also send out information from today’s presentation and results from the Courseware pilot program at Penn State University.

**4. AOPs - None**

## **5. College/Unit Reports.**

- Nicole Rader announced the Phi Beta Kappa visit to MSU campus next week.
- James Warnock stated that the IHL Board has approved the Biomedical Engineering undergraduate degree.
- Becky Gardner stated that the Honors College is in the process of arranging interviews for the President and Provost Scholarships.
- Greg Hall mentioned the upcoming interviews for the position of Director, Building Construction Science.
- John Dickerson noted appreciation for the work on the upcoming Academic Insight events.
- Christine Jackson stated that letters have been sent out to faculty for academic progress of athletes.
- Peter Ryan announced that Susan Seal has accepted the position of Executive Director of Distance Education.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.**