

Deans Council Minutes
November 21, 2016
1:30 PM
Presidents Conference Room, Lee Hall

Members Present: Judy Bonner(chair), Richard Blackburn, Lori Bruce, Tim Chamblee, Frances Coleman, Amy Adkerson (for John Dickerson), Kent Hoblet, Julia Hodges Scott Willard (for George Hopper), Mike Rackley, Kari Babski-Reeves (for Jason Keith), Joan Lucas, Sharon Oswald, Allison Pearson, Peter Ryan, Chris Snyder, Susan Seal, Rick Travis, Greg Hall (for Jim West)

Others Present: Teresa Gammill, Judy Spencer, Brent Fountain, Hunt Walne

Minutes Taken by: Dinah Jenkins.

1. Dr. Bonner opened meeting and asked Dr. Ryan to discuss the AOP's on the agenda.
2. Peter Ryan - AOP 12.17 and AOP 12.19
 - a. Dr. Ryan stated the Faculty Senate recommended AOP's be merged. The AOP deals with students' ability to access a fresh start in their academic programs by invoking either academic amnesty or academic fresh start.
 - b. Dr. Ryan made motion to grant approval of merger AOP 12.17 and AOP 12.19 into AOP 12.17 and to rescind AOP 12.19.
 - c. A student can invoke Academic Amnesty after a five-year absence from institutions of higher learning; a student can invoke Fresh Start after a two-year absence from institutions of higher learning. It is an effort to help students that hit a rough patch early in academic program out from under the GPA burden and attain the institutional and overall 2.0 GPA needed to graduate. This option is only available when attempting the first baccalaureate degree.
 - d. The policy changes in the verbiage clarify that the policy applies to the first baccalaureate degree, as has been the practice by the Registrar's office to restrict the option to the first baccalaureate degree being earned.
 - e. Tim Chamblee requested title change to Fresh Start or Academic Amnesty to show one or the other in the title.

Dr. Ryan moved that the AOP be approved; Rick Travis gave second. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. AOP 13.14 Grade Appeal
 - a. Dr. Ryan stated they want to make sure it is clear that a student cannot invoke an academic policy that would include grade appeal forgiveness or withdrawal in order to avoid an academic sanction. This speaks solely to grade appeal. Once student is sanctioned by the honor court for academic misconduct, it null and voids all other policies that would allow a student to drop, withdraw or have a grade appeal to overturn an academic misconduct. Grade appeal is purely for contesting an instructor's grade of a student's performance in a course.
 - b. Discussion followed:
 - i. Concern that it is precluded from gathering additional information and with extenuating circumstances allowing student to bypass department head and dean to come straight to Provost as AOP does not specifically say who gets to decide if it should be expedited.
 - ii. Concern if faculty member cannot respond in the timeline, as it is difficult to get to in five days. There is a recurring issue with paperwork sitting on desks and not pushing through, yet these are main people who must have voice to the appeal.

iii. Policy would be strengthened by having a basis to appeal the grade.

The AOP was tabled with revisions by Dean Rick Travis to reword the appeal process with assistance of Deans' Blackburn and Oswald.

4. MBA Venture Pathway(MBV): Sharon Oswald
 - a. The program offers incoming freshman pursuing majors outside the College of Business an opportunity to immerse themselves in a hands-on education that provides an accelerated path to a Master's degree in Business (MBA) with a concentration in business analytics with one additional year. The purpose is to provide motivated, high-achieving students who aspire to someday start a company the requisite business knowledge to be successful; Program is targeted at highly competitive, achieving high school students who are incoming freshman; must hold high school 3.5 GPA and minimum ACT of 28.
 - b. Beginning in fall of the first year, the student would take a one to one and one half hour credit.
 - c. For co-op/internship students, they would be able do program through distance after one year.
 - d. By 3rd year, student will take the GMAT/GRE for early admission to the MBA program.
 - e. For unconditional admittance into MBA program students must maintain 3.5 college GPA, earn a competitive score on GMAT/GRE and complete a satisfactory interview.
5. Dr. Bonner reported IHL is changing the degree productivity standards.
 - a. The new standard for baccalaureate degree is 18 over a three-year period; masters level is 12 degrees over three-year period; specialist and doctoral level did not change and will continue to be five over a three-year period.
 - i. Dr. Bonner stated the IHL trustees believe if an adequate number of degrees over a three-year period are not being produced, the program should be closed. While the standards did not increase by much, it should be taken very seriously.
6. Dr. Bonner reported IHL is doing an economic impact study and is requesting from each institution the number of annual visitors outside of the state, how many nights they stayed and how much money they spent for academic meetings, athletic events, or any event that brings in out of state visitors.
7. Discussion on the IHL Complete to Compete degree. The state of Mississippi has gone back for 15 years to every person that attended a two or 4-year institution that did not complete a degree. This project is extremely important to the Governor, Commissioner and Presidents of the eight IHL institutions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30