

Dean's Council Minutes
June 19, 2017
1:30 PM
Presidents Conference Room, Lee Hall

Members Present: Judy Bonner(chair), Richard Blackbourn, Lori Bruce, Frances Coleman, Terry Dale Cruse, John Dickerson, Brent Fountain, Julia Hodges, George Hopper, Jason Keith, Allison Pearson, Mike Rackley, Peter Ryan, Chris Snyder, Layton Little.

Others Present: Amy Adkerson, Tracey Baham, Greg Hall, Brandon Jolly, Ron McLaughlin, Steve Parrott, Nicole Rader, Susan Seal.

Minutes Taken By: Ann Ray

- I. After review with no corrections or objections, the April 17, 2017 minutes stand approved as presented.

- II. AOP 12.16 Academic Suspension and Dismissal
 1. Peter Ryan presented and discussed the proposed changes to the policy - recommended by Rodney Pearson, Director of Student Success to re-adjust the number of GPA hours for the different statuses of a student. Data and summary were provided to explain why the current hours might be problematic. Also recommended at the Associate Deans Council was to delete a portion of the first sentence, first paragraph under Policy/Procedure – *who have attempted at least 24 hours of coursework at Mississippi State University*.
 2. The motion was made and seconded to accept the recommended changes to the policy – and unanimously approved. The policy will move forward in the approval process.

- III. Announcements.
 1. Judy Bonner shared two items discussed at the IHL Board meetings last week.
 - The first item has to do with viability -The Trustees are concerned about offering programs that are not viable. They questioned where the numbers come from that establish a degree to be viable (18 in three years for baccalaureate; 12 for Masters; 6 for Doctoral) and will be reviewing carefully in the fall the viability of academic programs, low enrollment programs, the justification for keeping these programs, and justification on the cost of starting a program.
 - The second item discussed was the Complete to Compete Initiative. The IHL staff have modeled their proposed completion initiative after West Virginia's program. They plan to go live on June 26 with their website to encourage Mississippi adults to return and finish their degree.
 - There will be some funding to assist adult learners - the Kellogg Foundation has also indicated interest in working with the initiative.
 - Initially IHL and the two-year system worked together with the offices of Institutional Research on campuses to identify potential adult learners who have been out for the last 5 – 15 years with an initial total number of adults with a 2 year 367,000 – which has now been fine-tuned to 158,000 (these will be targeted for the C2C initiative).
 - Of the individuals in the baccalaureate degree track – the initial estimated total was 34,000 with the revised estimate of 12,000 represents potential students over the eight universities in Mississippi.
 - The last reading of the IHL policy 521 (adult completion program) will be in August and if adopted will be on the IHL website.
 - There will be further discussion for hopes that all three MSU campuses will be involved with delivery of the curriculum.

IV. Other.

1. Mike Rackley announced his retirement effective July 1, 2017. He stated that Steve Parrott has agreed to serve as interim CIO. Judy Bonner expressed gratitude for his 39 ½ years of service to MSU.
2. Mike Rackley reported on two initiatives in Banner.
 - He provided statistics on advisors in Banner. Based on the current enrollment count of 17,500 at least 7000 students have assigned advisors with 9000 not yet assigned.
 - The two-factor authentication to increase IT security should begin after orientation, possibly mid-July with the first phase to be voluntary.
 - The planning has begun for posting course syllabi online in Banner and available for students.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.