

Deans Council Minutes April 5, 2010

Members present: Jerry Gilbert, chairman; Richard Blackburn, Frances Coleman, Lou D'Abramo, Kent Hoblet, George Hopper, Meghan Millea, Melissa Mixon, Gary Myers, Donna Reese (for Sarah Rajala), Lynne Richardson, Peter Ryan, Rhett Hobart, Jack Tucci, and Jim West. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Tim Chamblee, Julie Fulgham, Mike Rackley, David Shaw, Butch Stokes and Richard Swann.

1. Announcements:

- Former Poet Laureate Ted Kooser will be at McComas at 4:00 this afternoon. You are encouraged to attend.
 - Tim Chamblee has agreed to coordinate the Carnegie Foundation Engagement classification submission for the university. We are currently at the research "high" level.
 - Dr. Gilbert led a discussion concerning a situation where a current MSU faculty member in one department has applied for and been offered a position in another department at MSU. Discussion involved applying through a national search, tenure-track position, credit for tenure, increase in compensation. Dr. Gilbert will approve the current offer, but wants to discuss this further with the deans.
2. Dr. David Shaw introduced Richard Swann, Director of Sponsored Programs Administration, and Swann discussed the Internal Approval Sheet and required signatures.
 3. Richard Swann also discussed the Voluntary Cost Share and impact on F&A Negotiation. We should fully justify the use of "voluntary cost share" in grant proposals. This could have a significant impact.
 4. Commencement: Butch Stokes led a discussion (handout) concerning future commencement plans. May 2010 commencement plans include two ceremonies, December 2010 commencement will be one ceremony. There was much discussion concerning the possibility of converting to one graduation ceremony per year (in May), beginning with May 2011, and having college level ceremonies in addition to combined ceremony. This will be discussed at a future Deans Council meeting.
 5. Dean Richardson said that her college will purchase Digital Measures and the question was asked "Should we get it for the whole university?" Price for up to 500 people is approximately \$3,000 per year; for the entire university is \$25,000 per year.