

Deans Council Minutes May 17, 2010

Members present: Jerry Gilbert, chairman; Richard Blackburn, Harry Lull (for Frances Coleman), Rhett Hobart, Robert Cooper (for Kent Hoblet), George Hopper, Gary Jackson, Melissa Mixon, David Breaux (for Gary Myers), Sarah Rajala, Lynne Richardson, Peter Ryan, Jack Tucci, and Jim West. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Tim Chamblee, Charles Guest, Mike Rackley, David Shaw, Sharon Nobles (for Butch Stokes) and Diane Alexander.

1. The minutes of the May 3, 2010 meeting were approved with two corrections: Elton Moore represented Richard Blackburn at that meeting; Dr. Gilbert made a change in the wording regarding Maymester enrollment.
2. Announcements:
 - Maymester is up 18% over last summer.
 - Orientation dates have been set, with first freshman orientation beginning on June 7.
 - Vice President Mike McGrevey has resigned effective the end of the month. A search committee will be formed very shortly. The President would like to have someone in place in July or August.
 - This week, an announcement will be made regarding the other members of the task force to look at the funding model of Academic Outreach and Continuing Education. We want to increase distance education over time and insure quality programs equivalent to or better than the programs we have on campus.
 - Dr. Gilbert distributed a handout titled "External Review Letter Example" and led a discussion regarding the sample and consistency.
 - Dr. Gilbert mentioned a climate study done by Nicole Rader and stated that he would share confidential copies of the results.
3. Dr. David Breaux led a discussion concerning the Maroon Edition, the common reading program for the coming year. The book that has been chosen is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. Dr. Breaux gave some illustrations of promoting this book and stated that the author will be on campus on September 23, and will speak at the Hump at 7:00 PM that date.
4. Wayne Bland led a discussion concerning the process funds for tentative positions participating in the retirement incentive. The funds should be left in the budget for now. The actual list of retirees should be available from Human Resources about July 9. Incentive checks will be issued July 30, and this will come from the funds collected. Dr. Gilbert said that Human Resources is working on a set of guidelines to be released in the next couple of weeks regarding rehire of retirees.