

Deans Council Minutes
April 20, 2009

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Elton Moore (for Richard Blackbourn), Donna Clevinger, Harry Llull (for Frances Coleman), Jerry Gilbert, Kent Hoblet, George Hopper, Melissa Mixon, Linda Morse, Gary Myers, Royce Bowden (for Sarah Rajala), Lynne Richardson, and David Lewis (for Jim West). Also present were: Mark Binkley, Tim Chamblee, Julie Fulgham, Charles Guest, Mike Rackley, Gary Butler (for Kirk Schulz), and Sharon Nobles (for Butch Stokes).

1. Dr. Rabideau introduced Dr. Gary Butler, who will be the Interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development.
2. **Arts and Sciences Workload Tracking Form:** Dean Myers demonstrated the new A&S workload tracking form and its function of tracking faculty, research they are doing, instructor and lecturer assignments, etc. This system was created for A&S by ITS. There was mention of a consistent system around campus and Dr. Rabideau said that colleges would have to be on-board for a common system.
3. **Main Campus Students Enrolling in Distance Courses:** (handout) Dr. Binkley led a discussion concerning the enrollment goal of 22,000 by 2015 and how distance courses relate to this. This was mentioned at the recent Faculty Senate Roundtable. We will require instructors to take on-line instruction before they are allowed to teach on-line courses for MSU. On-line instruction could help meet our enrollment goal.
4. **Other Items:**
 - Dr. D'Abramo stated that:
 - a. 65% of graduate coordinators attended the recent graduate coordinators' workshop.
 - b. Graduate Council is working on the definition of graduate faculty.
 - c. A special workshop on graduate education in Mississippi and economic development was funded with external funding.
 - d. The number of PhD graduates should be 130-140.
 - e. Templates in relationship to preparation of theses and dissertations are being explored.
 - f. Another position of Admissions Assistant will be filled in the Graduate School.
 - Harry Llull reported for the Library:
 - a. Marsha Blackburn is in the library this afternoon.
 - b. Rick Bragg will be here for a Dessert Theatre.

- c. Thursday at 1:00 PM, we will have the Montgomery Leadership Awards.
- Dean Mixon reported that:
 - a. CALS had a successful breakfast last Saturday, with a good turnout.
 - b. Lloyd Ricks renovation is progressing, with naming of rooms available at this time.
- Dean Richardson reported that:
 - a. Four advisory board meetings were held this past weekend and about 100 people attended the breakfast on Saturday morning.
 - b. Allison Pearson was named Giles Professor. She is the second person to be named Giles Distinguished Professor in the history of the College of Business.
 - c. During "Living Legacies Week," students from the local school interviewed people whose relatives were buried at Oddfellows Cemetery and tonight and Thursday night, they will have a program.
- Dean Clevinger reported that you have two more weeks to see a show at the Riley.
- Elton Moore invited all to the College of Education convocation is April 21 at 1:30 in Grisham Room of the Library.
- Dean Myers reported that:
 - a. Bruce Ebanks received the Honors Teacher of the Year Award last week.
 - b. Humanities Speaker Martha Collins speech was well attended.
 - c. At a recent Board meeting we discussed the possibility of adding four new members.
 - d. The brunch at Super Bulldog Weekend was well attended.
 - e. The Henry family will help fund grant activities in research.
 - f. On April 28th, at 2:30, the office of Arts and Sciences will have a reception for Kirk Schulz. All Deans are invited.
- Dr. Jerry Gilbert stated that:
 - a. Beginning at 3:30 on April 20, honors orientation students will be signing up for classes.
 - b. Shackouls Honors College research symposium is scheduled for 2:00 PM on April 21 in the Union Ballroom.
- Dr. Linda Morse reported that Maroon Edition First Year Reading Experience was kicked off on April 20. The book is "The Painted House".
- Julie Fulgham reported that:
 - a. It is time for Student Evaluation of Faculty.
 - b. NESE results have been distributed For more information check the Institutional Research website.
- Sharon Nobles reported that graduation is scheduled for May 2 at 9:00 Am and 2:00 PM. The doors will open at 7:30 AM.