

Deans Council Minutes April 21, 2008

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Elton Moore (for Richard Blackburn), Frances Coleman, Jerry Gilbert, George Hopper, Melissa Mixon, Greg Dunaway (for Gary Myers), David Nagel, Bill Person, Al Rankins, Glenn Steele, and Jim West. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Julie Fulgham, and Charles Guest

1. **Graduate School Exit Survey:** Dr. Person handed out a survey analysis from the Office of Graduate School. He stated that there would be a better response rate if the survey was sent electronically. He stated that nationally 36% would respond, whereas 19% respond from a paper survey (see handout for results from the analysis).
2. **Academic Operating Policy: Annual Review of Faculty:** Dr. Gilbert announced that Faculty Senate came back to the Deans Council with changes to the AOP. Faculty Senate voted to have three descriptors for the evaluation document. The descriptors are: unsatisfactory, satisfactory, and excellent. The AOP will be sent to Dept. Heads for review and discussed at a later Deans Council meeting.
3. **Astra Software:** Butch Stokes announced that the Registrar's Office has purchased two software packages. This software is designed to handle academic scheduling and room assignments. Astra will be on campus in May to demonstrate the software in the Deans Council meeting.
4. **Other Items:**
 - Butch Stokes for Registrar's Office***
 - Announced two orientation sessions in May and June. Butch asked the Deans to make sure they have representatives at orientation.
 - Dean Hopper for the College of Forest Resources***
 - The search committee has been selected for the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Dean of the Graduate School. Interviews will be held in May and June.
 - Mark Binkley for Academic Outreach and Continuing Education***
 - We will begin our first faculty workshop in distance learning. We would like each college to nominate 2 faculty members to attend.
 - Kent Hoblet for the College of Veterinary Medicine***
 - Jan Chambers received a national award.
 - Jim Denko received a small animal award.