

**Deans Council Minutes  
June 2, 2008**

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Elton Moore (for Richard Blackburn), Donna Clevinger, Frances Coleman, Jerry Gilbert, Kent Hoblet, George Hopper, Melissa Mixon, Gary Myers, Bill Person, Sarah Rajala, Lynne Richardson, and David Lewis (for Jim West). Also present were: Mark Binkley, Butch Stokes, Charles Guest, and Julie Fulgham.

1. **Academic Operating Policy: Annual Reviews of Faculty:**  
This policy was discussed at Deans Council in May and the deans were asked to discuss with their faculty the number of indicator categories. Original document had five categories - - the deans reported that the faculty want to go with five categories. The policy will be returned to Faculty Senate and we will say that we recommend five words.
2. **Recap of CAPP (Curriculum Advising and Program Planning):**  
We will work to continue to Improve the CAPP and work together on the concerns addressed over the past 6 months or so. We will have a monthly report at each Deans Council meeting, to report on progress on the Issues. We should be sure to have good communications and get appropriate Information to the right people.
3. **New centralized Study Abroad office:**  
This recommendation came out of the Futurestate 2015 plan. This will be housed In the Office of Academic Outreach and Continuing Education, and Molly Watkins (current director of the ESL program) will chair this. Molly reported to the Deans Council the her priorities and goals in working with students who are studying abroad. She will visit with faculty members who are handling Study Abroad programs, and determine other services. Please contact Molly If you have suggestions.
4. **COACHE (The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education):**  
Dr. Rabideau distributed copies of a document from Harvard Graduate School of Education, summarizing COACHE and listing member institutions. We should be doing this type thing periodically. This is not just about junior faculty. We will check into obtaining a copy of this instrument. If you have suggestions, please contact Julie Fulgham or Dr. Rabideau.
5. **SEC Consortium comments:**  
We received nine nominees for the leadership consortium. We will review them this afternoon, and plan to submit two to three. We were very pleased with the nominations.
6. **Other Items:**  
***Dean Clevinger reported:***
  - "Tony and Tina's Wedding" is now at the dinner theatre at the Riley Center. The new season will be announced within the next month.
  - Perhaps at a future Deans Council, we can invite the Executive Director and Marketing Director of the Riley Center concerning possibilities of the campuses working together on some offers.
  - We have had some reorganization on campus.
  - A faculty member passed away last week.
  - School starts on our campus today.***Dean Mixon reported:***
  - Last wee we had 800+ 4-H'ers on campus.
  - This week we have 400+ FFA students on campus for the first time in 4-5 years.***Dean Hopper reported:***
  - We have 30 students on campus who will graduate on Friday morning.
  - Tomorrow we have the third candidate for Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Deans are invited to meet with the candidate at 8:30 in Templeton Museum.
  - Humanities guest speaker lecture will be held on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.
  - On Friday and Saturday, we have a logging event south of Starkville. This includes lots of family events.***Associate Dean David Lewis reported:***
  - Jane Greenwood's last day as Associate Dean was last week; Lewis is the new Associate Dean in the College of Architecture, Art, and Design.***Dean Myers reported:***

- We are working on fall enrollment, and understand we expect an increase of about 500 students.
- We are working on updating web pages.
- We are working on new computer system for the office and college to track budgets and papers a little more easily.

**Braxton Stowe reported:**

- Student Association is getting ready for orientation.
- We are also working on sponsors for Bulldog Bash.
- We are working on Fall schedule.

**Associate Dean Elton Moore reported:**

- We are focusing on the creation of a new department "Leadership and Foundations" to begin on July 1.
- We have been working with Institutional Research looking at accountability management systems dealing with accreditation.

**Dean Rajala reported:**

- Challenge X (alternative fuel hybrid car) recently won a national award, and we were selected for the next competition. Other awards were Women in Engineering, fastest acceleration, marketing award with Business, CAVS won manufacturing engineering practitioner of the year award. Chris Emplaincourt won Jefcoat award and also won NACADA award.
- We will be participating in SEC engineering dean's group meeting this summer.

**Dean Richardson reported:**

- We are working on a change in the name of our college, to drop "and Industry". This will position us for naming our college also.
- In our leadership team, we have two new department heads, two new associate deans and an assistant dean.
- We are working to get Mississippi deans together to talk about how we might work collaboratively together.
- We are working to address issues of financial literacy. We will have financial forums scheduled in the fall.

**Jerry Gilbert reported:**

- A notice was e-mailed today from Butch and Mike regarding faculty forum on registration and advising.
- We are hosting a luncheon on June 18 to recognize advisors for work done in the summer during registration and orientation.
- New Faculty Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13 and Thursday, August 14, at Hunter Henry Center. A reception will be held on the first evening and the deans will be invited to that along with their new faculty.

**Julie Fulgham reported:**

- We capture enrollment prediction data daily. It looks like our enrollment may be 18,000 or more.
- We may all need to look at systems that will assist us with accreditation, and try to get something that will be best for everyone.

**Sharon Nobles reported:**

- We have been working on the articulation agreement update. Hopefully this will be ready to present in August.
- We have the first meeting scheduled for next week with schools who have concerns regarding CAPP.

**Mark Binkley reported:**

- Enrollment trends are up 100 to 150 students in the fall.
- We have several new programs.
- Summer camps have begun for the summer.
- We have record enrollment in ESL from about 18 countries. Regular students from about 15 countries.

**Mike Rackley reported:**

- Beginning with the Maymester, we have converted from WebCT to Blackboard Vista.