

**Deans Council Minutes**  
**January 8, 2007**

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Richard Blackburn, Harry Llull (for Frances Coleman), Jerry Gilbert, Kent Hoblet, Danny Hollingsworth, George Hopper, Nick Nichols, Phil Oldham, Bill Person, Roger King (for Engineering), Vance Watson, Lee Weiskopf, Jim West, and Jacque Deeds (for Jeanne Swafford). Also present were: Mark Binkley, Butch Stokes, Julie Fulgham, Charles Guest, and Tom Ritter.

1. **Campus System Security:** Tom Ritter (Security and Compliance Officer in ITS) described steps taken following a security incident in December. We have identified about 2400 students who could have been subject to identity theft and we have offered credit protection to those individuals for a year. We have provided awareness exercises to the colleges and urge units to evaluate files and take precautions.
2. **AOP 12.20 - - Academic Forgiveness:** This policy was approved by Deans Council earlier and sent on to Faculty Senate for review. Faculty Senate recommended some changes and changes have been made and approved by Associate Deans Council. After discussion, Deans Council unanimously approved the policy as presented.
3. **Maymester:** Dr. Gilbert distributed a list of courses to be offered in the Maymester and led a discussion concerning enrollment requirements, as well as funding and the relationship between Maymester and Summer School.
4. **Drop/Add Dates:** Dr. Gilbert pointed out that effective this semester, the add/drop dates are changing in accordance with the revised policy.
5. **Vice President for Research and Economic Development search:** Dr. Rabideau stated that he will chair the search and it will be an internal search. As soon as we name the committee, the process will begin.
6. **Department Heads vs. Department Chairs:** Dr. Rabideau led a discussion concerning department heads and department chairs. This is

an item in the Strategic Plan and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has been asked for their thoughts. The Deans Council members were invited to provide their thoughts to Dr. Rabideau.

7. **Other Items:**

- Harry Llull reported that MSU Libraries will enter a consortium with USM and UM and we look for positive impact. We also have expanded access to other journals, giving access to 2000+ new titles.
- Jackie Deeds reported that Faculty Senate still has some AOPs, and they will be coming forward. Also, a resolution is being considered about released time for heads of IRB and Animal Research.
- Nick Nichols reported that the Riley Center has received designation as Partner for the Kennedy Center. MSU Is the first university in Mississippi to be appointed as partner.
- Phil Oldham reported that the College of Arts and Sciences has three department head candidates on campus this week.
- Dan Hollingsworth said the College of Business and Industry has two candidates for dean coming in this semester. Also, McCool construction is coming along and should be available in May.
- Jim West reported that three faculty members in his college have received national creative achievement awards. Also, FEMA awarded \$280,000,000 to Mississippi and one project was awarded to one of our faculty members.
- Roger King said the College of Engineering is awaiting the decision regarding an Interim Dean, since Dr. Schulz has been named Interim Vice President. Associate Deans are filling in until an interim is named.
- Bill Person congratulated Jerry Gilbert on his being named Fellow of American Institute of Medical and Biological Sciences.