

Deans Council Minutes April 2, 2007

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Richard Blackburn, Frances Coleman, Jerry Gilbert, Robert Cooper (for Kent Hoblet), Danny Hollingsworth, George Hopper, Nick Nichols, Phil Oldham, Bill Person, Ruth Prescott, Glenn Steele, Jeanne Swafford, Lynn Reinschmiedt (for Vance Watson), and Jim West. Also present were: Kirk Schulz, Jason Crittenden (for Mark Binkley), Amy Adkerson (for Butch Stokes), Mike Rackley and Bill Martin.

1. Dr. Rabideau introduced Bill Martin (Project Manager for Industrial Outreach Service). Mr. Martin distributed a handout including information on the upcoming MSU Economic Development Forum to be held on campus on May 17-18. He discussed the upcoming forum and encouraged deans to attend the events where possible.
2. **Budget**: Legislators will give to IHL and IHL will distribute to institutions. We believe we will have money for salary adjustments. John Tomlinson reports that we have been allotted money for Harned, Lloyd Ricks, and Middleton, but we are not certain about specific instructions. We also got \$500,000 in pre-planning for Lee Hall. President Foglesong has been invited to visit with IHL about budget. We do not know if the Governor signed the bond bill.
3. **Budget and Planning Meetings**: This process will be similar to the meetings in the past, to include a 20-30 minute PowerPoint presentation, followed by question and answer period. Each meeting is scheduled for one hour, and should include your budget needs. We are interested in statistical information as well as trends and enrollment trends.
4. **Commencement**: Ruth Prescott reported that this will be among our largest commencements in our history. There will be a dinner on Friday night to include all 4.0 graduates, so all deans are invited to Friday night dinner at the M-Club. Those deans included in the Saturday ceremony are invited to assemble at the Bryan Building prior to the 10:00 ceremony. Friday night speakers are Gray and Mary Swoope; Saturday speakers are Mark and Rhonda Keenum. Two honorary degree candidates have been recommended to the President and that has been sent to IHL for approval. Vet School graduation is on Thursday; Meridian is Friday morning at 11:00.
5. **FutureSTATE**: The President has scheduled a meeting on April 16 at 1:00 PM. If you have comments or input regarding the FutureSTATE presentations, please make comments to Dr. Rabideau and he will share.
6. **Process of Job Analysis**: We have received some reclassification requests, waivers through affirmative action, etc. We sign and send those on to Human Resources for their professional evaluations. If the response from HR is not what is desired, we will not support re-submitting the form, unless you have

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some substantive reason to do so. There should not be a suggestion a reclassification title. We also do not want to give the impression that we routinely expect a waiver. There needs to be good reason for this.

7. Dr. Schulz presented the following items:
 - Seven representatives from Toyota will visit campus on Wednesday, along with Chancellor Khayat and Gray Swope. This will give us an opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities at MSU.
 - Last week we had visitors from Lott and Wicker's offices on campus to hear about our appropriations presentations for 2008. After President Foglesong and Mike McGrevey review our proposed process, if they approve it we will bring that back to the Deans Council.
 - Travel requests from faculty are being received in Research office. After some discussion, Dr. Schulz said he will come up with some guidelines and will circulate that to the deans.
 - Dr. Schulz congratulated Dr. Rabideau on his article in *Nature*.
8. Other Items:
 - Dr. Gilbert reminded the deans that they are invited to attend sessions with all four candidates for Dean of the Graduate School.
 - Dean Blackburn reported that the NCATE accreditation visit went well, the report was excellent, with no conditions. Dean Blackburn is also chairing the Dean Search for the Meridian campus and to date we have 18 applicants. The search committee will meet on April 12 to narrow the list.
 - Dean Steele reported that Wesley Holland recently received an NSF fellowship. Two student groups competed in Southeastern Section competition and came out #1. The American Society of Civil Engineering group won first place in concrete canoe competition. Later this year, they will compete in national competition in Seattle.
 - Dean West reported that Anijo Matthew won the young researcher award in national competition.
 - Dean Coleman reported that on May 23, the ARL membership committee will meet to decide whether or not to pursue our re-application with ARL.
 - Dean Hollingsworth reported that April 24 is Insurance Day - - titled "Leadership in Crisis". Guest speakers are Haley Barbour, Oliver North, and President Foglesong. This is the same day that Dr. Rei Hara will also speak.
 - Dr. Swafford reported that the Executive Committee of Faculty Senate meets this week and the results of the survey should be available.
 - Dean Person reported that the Office of Graduate Studies will have their Superrecruitment Weekend on April 13 and 14 at the Hunter Henry Center. They encourage attendance of outstanding researchers. Also, we presently have 63 doctoral applicants for graduation.
 - Dean Nichols reported that Winton Marsalis presented an amazing concert. We have the New Harmony exhibit from the Smithsonian at the Riley Center, with a HDTV taping scheduled for May 3 from 8:00 to 9:00. The

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studio theater opened this past weekend, underneath the stage of the Opera House. On campus, we initiated the first chapter of Alpha Chi academic honorary this past week.

- Amy Adkerson reported for Butch Stokes that registration starts this week for summer and fall.
- Dr. Gilbert said the Rag Time Festival was excellent with very good attendance. Dean Coleman says they plan to do this again next year.