

Dean's Council Minutes

August 6, 2007

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Richard Blackburn, Frances Coleman, Walter Diehl, Jerry Gilbert, George Hopper, Gary Myers, Bill Person, Lynne Richardson, Roger King (for Glenn Steele), and Jim West. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Charles Guest, Mike Rackley, Kirk Schulz, and Butch Stokes.

1. Dr. Elton Moore gave an overview of a Memorandum of Understanding between Lockheed Martin and Mississippi State University. He distributed a mock copy of the memorandum and asked for consideration from the colleges of Education, Engineering, and Business and Industry. He also stated that he had a Power Point presentation available if any member would be interested in viewing it. No decisions were made due to the fact that more information would be needed first.
2. A follow-up on the campus visit program was given by Phil Bonfanti and Lisa Harris of Student Affairs. They stated that the growth and expansion of the university enrollment has led to a need for more support from the individual colleges. They proposed that each college be willing to put aside a time that is left open for campus visitors. Because our university is one of the few that offers individual campus visits, they would like the cooperation from the individual colleges in order to continue to provide this service. The council found concerns due to the fact that they already ask too much from the faculty as far as service. No final decisions were made, but the council did support trying to make this happen.
3. Dr. Kirk Schulz presented the IHL Research numbers. He stated we were almost at the same level as Washington State and our numbers look better than other colleges in the State. He explained that our rank in terms of research should go up, but will probably stay around 170 to 190 million. Handouts were given on MSU Federal Appropriations Process, Institutional Annual Report on Extramural Funding, and Research Seminar Series Dates. Dr. Schulz reminded the Deans to inform their faculty to get proposal to Sponsored Programs on time.
4. AOP 12.09-Class Attendance and Reporting Absences. The council decided to table this AOP due to the fact that IHL may implement something.
5. AOP 12.08-Academic Minors and Certificate Programs. The council decided to approve and there was no opposition.

6. Other Items:

* Dr. William Person stated there were 114 international and 270 total students signed up for the TA workshop.

* Dr. Gary Myers stated that the College of Arts & Sciences was working on setting a date for the announcement of African American Studies.

* Dr. Lynne Richardson let everyone know that they would be moving back into McCool Building this week.

* Dr. Jerry Gilbert reminded everyone about the \$1000 TA increase and the New Faculty Orientation. He explained that after the burglaries that took place in Allen Hall over the weekend, extra care should be taken to prevent theft within the departments,

*Butch Stokes reminded the council that summer final grades are due by Friday at noon. He also stated they were working to demo the new pathfinders.