

Deans Council Minutes
May 1, 2006

Members present: Peter Rabideau, Chair; Richard Blackburn, Frances Coleman, Sara Freedman, Jerry Gilbert, George Hopper, Nick Nichols, Phil Oldham, Nancy Reichert, Kirk Schulz, Vance Watson, Jim West, Peter Wood, Keith Belli, Mark Binkley, Gary Pike, Mike Rackley, Butch Stokes.

Meeting held in the Templeton Music Conference Room.

1. The Center for Teaching and Learning - Matt Raven gave a brief summary of the Center's mission and the services they will be providing for faculty. The Center will be up and running in January of next year.
2. Budgets- Dr. Rabideau will get more details when he meets with the President tomorrow, but as of today it looks like salary adjustments will be about 5%. The range will be 3% to 7%, with anything below or above those numbers requiring justification. College resources can be used to add to any adjustments. Dr. Rabideau assumes that employees that started January 1 or later will not be eligible for a salary adjustment.
3. Graduate Studies- A faculty roundtable was held last Saturday. President Foglesong was there. A Faculty Senate committee made a recommendation for a Dean of Graduate School. President Foglesong agreed. One alternative is to have an Associate Vice President of Research and Graduate Studies. There was also a positive reaction to having Associate Deans for Research and Graduate Studies within colleges responsible for graduate studies
4. New Programs- Dr. Rabideau passed out a flowchart for new academic programs.
5. Tuition Incentives - Dr. Lee did not accept at the time. The University Planning Committee was very supportive. If there will be formula funding, this is aimed at undergraduates. Dr. Rabideau feels that this system is a very logical approach.
6. Other Business:

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- Phil Oldham- Just returned from SEC Deans of Arts and Sciences meeting in Atlanta. It was a good opportunity to exchange ideas.
- Frances Coleman- The Templeton Music Conference Room is now available to schedule for meetings at no charge.
- Sara Freedman- She has attended a recent series of meetings with SeverCorr. She was invited for a tour, it was very impressive.
- Nick Nichols-The Riley Center is opening in early September.
- Mike Rackley- There were 2800 new cards done in the first week of recarding.
- Butch Stokes- 2,046 applied for graduation. 38 students had a 4.0 GPA.
- Nancy Reichert- Asking department heads for a list of service courses so we have a feel for what courses are being taught.
- Kirk Schulz- There are two new fellows in the College of Engineering. Keith Hodge is the first ASCE fellow MSU has ever had.
- Jim West- He is hiring two new people. One with tenure from Cornell and another in Architectural History.

The meeting was adjourned.