

Deans Council Minutes
June 19, 2006

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Sara Freedman, Jerry Gilbert, Kent Hoblet, Keith Belli (for George Hopper), Sue Minchew (for Richard Blackbourn), Nick Nichols, Phil Oldham, Ruth Prescott, Nancy Reichert, Vance Watson, Lee Weiskopf, and Peter Wood. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Sharon Nobles (for Butch Stokes), Gary Pike, Stephen Cottrell and Phil Bonfanti.

1. Dr. Rabideau introduced and welcomed to the meeting Dr. Kent Hoblet, the new dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine.
2. Stephen Cottrell and Phil Bonfanti briefed the Deans Council on the Office of International Services, which has recently been incorporated into the Office of Admissions and Scholarships and branched out into recruitment activities and program development. They discussed: mission strategies, mission tactics, activities underway, activities under development, advocacy, and DHS compliance service. Dr. Bonfanti then briefed the Deans on his recent trip to Japan.
3. Gary Pike reminded the deans that the department updates on assessment are due in the Office of Institutional Research by June 30. These updates are important as we continue to prepare for the SACS report in 2014. June 30 will be Dr. Pike's last day at MSU.
4. Ruth Prescott reported that there would be opportunities for units to use two of the four 30X72 tents to be set up outside the stadium during football games. One tent will be permanently hosted by the President's Office and one will be permanently hosted by the Alumni and Foundation. The other two tents will be available on a first come first served basis by other units. Bill Broyles chairs a committee who will book these tents, with cost to be scheduled. Power will be available for the tents - - but heat and air conditioning will not be available this year. Other tent spaces will likely be 20X20.
5. Salary Adjustments: The President has made the decision to make available salary adjustments for those individuals who began work at MSU after January 1. The units are required to use their own resources for these salary adjustments, which should be at least 1% if these people are doing satisfactory work. The adjustments can be up to 5%. We are working on getting accurate lists for the deans to work from. We will send out letters with raise amounts in July - - once Human Resources sends that information out.

6. Leadership Studies: Dr. Rabideau distributed information concerning a possible MSU Leadership Studies minor or certificate program. A committee (made up of faculty suggested by the deans) has been named to review this information and prepare a proposal for the UCCC.
7. Budget: (1) Summer programs - Proposal for Maymester, Summer School, and Winter Intercession budgets has been approved - - 10% of revenues will go to general fund, with remainder of funds (after expenses are paid) divided up equally between departments, colleges, and Academic Affairs. (2) Tuition incentive - A proposal was submitted a couple of years ago, and now our new President is talking about this. This would hopefully be another source of funds to go back into the instructional program. The baseline will be last Fall enrollment, based on freshmen and transfers.
8. Sabbatical Leaves: Dr. Rabideau wants to rely on the deans to use good judgment in approving or denying sabbatical leaves. There was discussion concerning the Issue of leaving campus, faculty not doing the same thing they are already being paid to do, letters of invitation from another campus where faculty member will visit during sabbatical. Dr. Rabideau said we will look at the guidelines that were sent out a couple of years ago.
9. Vice President Scanes items:
 - Grants, awards and copyrights are up from last year.
 - Grant applications are down.
 - Dr. Scanes visited Pakistan and met with 12 university presidents. He was impressed with their commitment to education and the number of women in education. There are real possibilities there at the graduate level. We have possibilities with several universities linked to the military and strong commitments to women's education - with interest particularly in business and engineering.
 - Graduate Studies is moving to Academic Affairs in July.
10. Today is Dr. Peter Wood's last meeting as Vice President of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Jeanne Swafford (College of Education) will be the new Vice President.