

**Deans Council Minutes**  
**August 7, 2006**

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Richard Blackbourn, Frances Coleman, Jerry Gilbert, Kent Hoblet, Lou Capella (for Danny Hollingstowth), Phil Oldham, Bill Person, Ruth Prescott, Nancy Reichert, Kirk Schulz, Lynn Reinschmiedt (for Vance Watson), and Jim West. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Butch Stokes, Julie Fulgham, Charles Guest, Colin Scanes, and Mike Rackley.

1. Academic Operating policy 12.20: Academic Forgiveness  
The policy review time is changed from five to four years and the limit is changed to read "two courses, not to exceed eight credit undergraduate semester hours". This policy was unanimously approved as submitted.
2. Planning and Priorities:  
The Future State 2015 document is scheduled to be released August 15. This will be on the MSU web-site, open for comments until September 8. The final report is anticipated to be released on September 15.
3. Maymester:  
Dr. Gilbert distributed the following draft documents: "Proposed Maymester and Summer School for 2007" and "Payment Schedule for Maymester and Summer School for 2007 (3-Hr Class Rate)". The Maymester is an incentive for departments to grow summer enrollments. Dr. Gilbert led a discussion concerning these documents and will come back with a document for review. We need to have this in place in October.
4. Dr. Rabideau reminded the deans of the need to respond to the Public Records Request.
5. Vice President Scanes' items:
  - Supreme Court Fellows: If you would like more information on that, see Dr. Scanes. Fellows must have a post-graduate degree.
  - Sandra Harpole will present a grantsmanship workshop and other professional development. Contact her for more information.
  - We will distribute a research newsletter for returning faculty. If you have information to be included, let us know.
  - Awards for FY06. We have a record number, with a number of colleges doing extremely well with significant increases.
6. Other Items:
  - Dr. Person reported that: (1) Graduate Assistants now may receive commuter parking decals; (2) We have encouraged students to pre-

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- register for the fall and have almost 2200 now. Service charges do not apply until October; (3) We had closing luncheon for AGEM on Friday and will have closing luncheon for pre-academic program for international Fulbright scholars this Friday (35 Fulbrights on campus)
- Dr. Hoblet reported that a new class starts on Thursday. We are launching an effort to increase the number of Mississippi residents as applicants.
  - Butch Stokes reported: (1) Summer final grades are due on August 8 at 12:00 Noon; (2) Fall enrollment (as of this morning) is down about 207 from last year at the same time; (3) There have been some recent changes in Mississippi residency laws.
  - Frances Coleman reported on the birthday luncheon on Saturday honoring the late Sonny Montgomery. Participation was appreciated.
  - Dr. Blackbourn reported that our MSU band is at 302 this year, the largest band in the state.
  - Dr. Oldham reported that: (1) We have a number of events scheduled in the fall for the 50th Anniversary for the College of Arts and Sciences; (2) Arts and Sciences is considering establishing an African American student program and will be announcing the Interim Director and put the proposal together soon. (3) If you know of prospective Phi Beta Kappa faculty, please let us know.
  - Dr. Schulz reported that: (1) We have proposed a distance education masters program to IHL and have held training sessions this summer with about 30 students through internet. We have signed an agreement with San Jose University to earn PhD at MSU with a joint program; (2) This fall, we will be proposing a Baccalaureate in Engineering.
  - Dr. Gilbert reported that: (1) Remember the reception for the New Faculty Orientation on August 15 at 5:15 PM at the Hunter Henry Center; (2) We sent out the National Research Council Assessment of doctoral programs. We will review 22 programs this fall and spring. This is a very important exercise; please encourage your faculty to take this seriously.
  - Dr. Reichert stated this is her last Deans Council meeting and thanked the members for their support and acceptance during this experience.
  - Mike Rackley reported that the new cell phone policy was presented to the Executive Council today. All inventoried cell phone contracts will be terminated and disposed of by August 31.