

Deans Council

October 2, 2006

Present: Peter Rabideau (chair), Richard Blackburn, Frances Coleman, Kent Hoblet, Danny Hollingsworth, Jerry Gilbert, George Hopper, Phil Oldham, Ruth Prescott, Vance Watson, Jeanne Swafford. Also present: Mark Binkley, Julie Fulgham, Charles Guest, Mike Rackley, Butch Stokes.

I. Academic Operating Policy: Dr. Gilbert:

- AOP 13.05 Faculty Grievance Policy and Procedure was discussed. There was some question about the informal grievance procedures so the AOP will be revised and brought back to the Deans Council for future consideration.

II. Other Items:

- At Executive Council this morning student food handling was discussed (taking an online course on food-handling). Should something broader than student food handling be brought up? Frances Coleman suggested maybe a memo from Dr. Rabideau cautioning on food handling would be all that's necessary.
- The Dean of Graduate Studies Search process—Dean Hopper is chairing the committee. It will be an internal search due to budget constraints. The timeframe will be before and not later than July 1, 2007.
- The Leadership Minor project has moved along. Dr. Carskadon did a good job and the President was pleased.
- The President feels we can develop some funding for support programs from the V.A. There is tentatively a certificate program in the works in Business with an additional 15 hours. This will be public service at the federal level, and can be developed into an attractive program. We need programs to target enrollment. We're on hold now waiting for the V.A. to contribute funds.
- Jerry Gilbert stated that the MSU New Faculty Bus Tour was last Wednesday and 35 new faculty and administrators toured Verona, MS Botanical Gardens, Elvis' Birthplace and Museum; NE Mississippi Community College (lunch and presentation with a talk from Dr. Allen); Roanoke (Home of William Faulkner); Chancellor Khayat spoke; Delaney Seed Co; Delta Blues in Clarksdale and Ground Zero Blues Club was visited then back home.
- Butch Stokes stated that the Inaugural Ceremony is this Friday at 1:00. The Registrar's office will have the regalia company at the Coliseum in the President's Reception Room Thursday, October 5, 2006, for pickup of regalia from 1:00-5:00. There will be 26 groups beginning at Portal A. The Procession will move down Portal S. At 1:00 PM the Color Guard will begin the ceremony. Registrar's office personnel will be assigned to help get people in line. Signs will be on the concourse wall by name and number for people to line up by. Deans will be leading their colleges. Regalia can be returned between Portal I & J.
- Dean George Hopper stated that Forest Resources has students coming in on Wednesday of this week from community colleges and they will be hosting a lunch for them.
- Dean Danny Hollingsworth stated that the School of Accountancy will now be called Richard C. Adkerson School of Accountancy.