

Deans Council Minutes
October 16, 2006

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Sue Minchew (for Richard Blackburn), Harry Llull (for Frances Coleman), Jerry Gilbert, Kent Hoblet, Danny Hollingsworth, George Hopper, Phil Oldham, Bill Person, Tommy Stevenson (for Kirk Schulz), Lynn Reinschmiedt (for Vance Watson), Lee Weiskopf, Jim West, and Jeanne Swafford. Also present were: Laura Crittenden (for Mark Binkley), Butch Stokes, Charles Guest, Colin Scanes, and Mike Rackley.

1. Mike Rackley led a discussion and shared a demonstration of a web-site which will be used by students to evaluate academic college and department web sites. At Dr. Rabideau's request, ITS created the web-site. Mike will share the URL with Deans Council members and welcomed their comments and suggestions.
2. Budget: Dr. Rabideau discussed a proposal which he has submitted to the President concerning tuition revenue. However, this is still in a proposal stage and may be revised.
3. Summer School: Dr. Rabideau discussed the plan for distribution of summer school revenue (15% to the general fund, with distribution of the remaining 5% across Academic Affairs, the departments, and the colleges).
4. Annual Budget Adjustments: The President wants annual budget adjustments to colleges based on enrollments beginning July 1. No details are available yet, but Dr. Rabideau will make a proposal to the President.
5. Courses to be offered in Maymester: Dr. Gilbert distributed a preliminary list of courses to be offered. We have about 30 other courses that could be added back in. Butch Stokes is checking with Clemson to compare to their Maymester. To determine those courses for Maymester, we insure that (1) it is not a lab course; (2) it was offered in previous summer school; (3) the department head and dean want to propose the course.
6. Dr. Rabideau said we have been talking about designated accounts and the meeting for Academic Affairs is now Thursday. The President will

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not sweep all these accounts. Some accounts will be untouchable and others will not be.

7. Vice President Scanes had the following items:
 - For several reasons, our money is scarce. (taking on additional people in Regulatory Compliance, Dorman Hall fire caused people to work around the clock, additional money given to the Library from Research, additional personnel in Research formerly in the President's Office, other issues of taxation)
 - Earmarks must go through a Request for Proposals process.
 - Grantsmanship workshops are being well attended and are available at the college level.
 - Research newsletter is continuing.
 - Last year we had a record in grant awards at \$154.7 million. Last year for the first quarter, we were at \$30 million; this year we are at \$71 million.
 - We appreciate all the faculty are doing.
 - We are in the top 500 in the Shanghai 500. We are doing pretty well with NSF research expenditures. Details will be available shortly.
8. Bill Person shared enrollment information and will be happy to answer any questions.