

Deans Council Minutes
February 16, 2004

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Tom White (for Wayne Bennett), Frances Coleman, Sara Freedman, Jerry Gilbert, Bob Karr, Phil Oldham, Ruth Prescott, Nancy Reichert, Roy Ruby, Clay Taylor, Phil Nelson (for John Thomson), Lynn Reinschmiedt (for Vance Watson), and David Lewis (for Jim West). Also present were: Gary Pike, Jonathan Pote, Mike Rackley and Hunter Jones.

1. Hunter Jones, Attorney General of the Student Association, presented a proposal concerning "Co-op on Campus, Students Working for Their Community" and led a discussion concerning the proposal for students to apply work done back to the university. The university and the community would benefit from such a project. Hunter distributed a sample e-mail concerning this project, and asked the deans to share it with their faculty. During discussion, there was some question concerning the use of the word "Co-op". Hunter will check on that. Also mentioned were (1) setting limits on the type of projects and how they were handled without competition with private industry, (2) liability problems, (3) intellectual property issues, (4) cost commitment for supplies, etc., (5) marketing plan.
2. Academic Operating Policy 35.01 (International Programs) -- The Associate Deans Council voted to rescind this policy, because there is no longer an office of International Programs. After discussion, the Deans Council also voted to rescind the policy.
3. Dr. McHenry in the IHL office has provided a list of suspended programs. The Deans were asked to review the list and if there are errors, please let us know. If you want a program reinstated, it will be necessary to send this in as a new proposal.
4. We have talked with Dr. McHenry and Faculty Senate about reducing the credit hours to obtain a degree. There are some issues that have not been considered. How will this affect junior college students? Is the purpose to encourage students to hurry up and finish? Reduce the cost of degree?
5. The Board would like to eliminate some doctoral programs, particularly duplicated programs. Dean Ruby stated the College of Education is

working to narrow their doctoral programs from ten to four. He will provide that information to Dr. Rabideau before the Board meeting next week. A distinction between PhD and EdD is an issue. Differences between PhD at MSU and other institutions are important. Please provide any potential consolidations or proposed terminations of programs.

6. Other items:

❖ Institutional Research:

- a) Dr. Pike said he has realized that we will not be able to find 4-5 institutions that all colleges can be compared to. He will get with Deans to come up with a list of institutions for comparison.
- b) By Friday the Deans should have profiles for departments similar to the information for the colleges.
- c) The fund 10 budget pages will be updated for the last four years by college and departments.

❖ Faculty Senate: Dr. Reichert stated that the Faculty Senate took a straw poll on the proposed P&T document. The committee will update the draft and it should be finalized before the March 12 meeting. It will be discussed and voted on at that time.

❖ Ruth Prescott:

- a) A recommendation has gone to Dr. Lee for fall break to be Monday and Tuesday (October 18 and 19) and Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 24). That is what we are going with for Fall 2004.
- b) All fee requests (new or increased) should be routed through the Provost office for approval prior to sending to the Registrar for processing.