

Deans Council Minutes
October 4, 2004

Members present: Peter Rabideau, chairman; Gregg Boring, Frances Coleman, Sara Freedman, Jerry Gilbert, Keith Belli (for Bob Karr), Sue Minchew, Nick Nichols, Phil Oldham, Ruth Prescott, Glenn Steele, Lynn Reinschmiedt (for Vance Watson), Jim West, and Peter Wood. Also present were: Mark Binkley, Charles Guest, Gary Pike, Mike Rackley, Colin Scanes, and Butch Stokes,

1. **Cell Phones:** Vice President for Finance and Administration Ray Hayes described a proposed policy concerning wireless communication plans for MSU. Presently we have about 750 cell phones on inventory, and with this proposal, we would plan to reduce that number significantly. A wireless communication allowance is proposed for employees when such need is justified.
2. **Start-Up Costs:** Vice President for Research Colin Scanes reported that in order to fill start-up requests, he and Dr. Gilbert have developed forms to be submitted with requests. These forms will enable us to insure that the college and department participate; a Center provides additional funding if appropriate; positions are advertised. This form also includes a request to keep us informed whether an offer is accepted. Please share comments or questions concerning these draft forms.
3. **124 Hour Requirement:** Dr. Rabideau asked the Deans to insure that the departments are moving forward with the 124-hour requirements. Faculty Senate has approved the new core curriculum. This will be implemented in Fall 2005.
4. **Post Tenure Review:** There was some confusion between the request from IHL for annual post-tenure review and our annual review. University of Southern Mississippi submitted much larger numbers and there was confusion. The Post Tenure Review policy was discussed.
5. **Academic Affairs Faculty Forum:** We have scheduled a Faculty Forum to discuss the University Honors Program on October 27 at 7:30 AM in the Grisham Room (with a continental breakfast provided) and will also schedule another forum to discuss Learning Communities. The Deans were asked to think about ideas for future forums.
6. **Other Items:**

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- Peter Wood reported that a Faculty Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19 at 8:00 AM at Plymouth Bluff Conference Center. Faculty Senate will meet this Friday at the Union Ballroom.
- Gary Pike reported that the Task Force on Faculty Accomplishments is scheduled to meet soon.
- Colin Scanes reported that the newly established Semi South is a success story and is growing.
- Sara Freedman reported that the groundbreaking for the McCool addition is scheduled for Friday.
- Glenn Steele is now the Interim Dean of Engineering.
- Lynn Reinschmiedt reported that he is chair of the search committee for the Dean of the College of Forest Resources and Director of the Forest Wildlife Research Center. That committee has met twice and is working on the job description.
- Jim West reported that the search committee will begin reviewing applications for the Dean of the Education on November 1.
- Provost Rabideau reported that a search committee for the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine has not yet been formed.
- Provost Rabideau reported that we have scheduled three informal visits from potential candidates for the Dean of Engineering, and we may have one more before a decision is made concerning official visits.
- Phil Oldham reported that Arts and Sciences is working on the goals for the college. He also reported that two ribbon cuttings are scheduled to celebrate projects completed: October 23 for Hand Lab, and October 30 for Bowen Hall.
- Gregg Boring reported that the College of Veterinary Medicine has acquired a new CAT scanner. Security at CVM is being watched very carefully.