

**Associate Deans Council Meeting  
September 22, 2010  
Minutes**

**Present:** Peter L. Ryan (chair), Georgia McCulloch (for Wes Ammon), Mark Binkley, Thomas Bourgeois, David Breaux, Tim Chamblee, Louis Dawkins, Walter Diehl, Randy Follett, Robert Green, Paul Grimes, Gary Jackson, Mitzy Johnson, Dinetta Karriem, David Lewis, Harry Llull, Patricia Matthes, Scott Maynard, Elton Moore, Linda Morse, Forest Sparks (for Bill Person), Mike Rackley, Butch Stokes, Nathan Upchurch, and Robert West.

**Guests:** Walter Taylor, Diane Daniels, Laura Dodds, Tiasha Crawford, Keyon Scott, Beth Miller and Rafael Hernandez.

**Dr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in 611 Allen Hall.**

**1. Consideration of the minutes:**

David Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2010 meeting with one minor correction. Elton Moore seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the noted correction.

**2. Announcements:**

- Peter Ryan noted some last minute changes for the students attending the Greg Mortenson lecture on September 23. He reported approximately 2,200 students were expected to attend, expressed gratitude to the faculty providing class credit to encourage participation and noted that signs would be posted to assist with access and flow of students.
- Linda Morse informed the group that the book signing line will form immediately after the lecture ends and will remain open for a limited time only. She also noted that the event would be open seating, so for better seats, please arrive early. Finally, the Lamia/ Afghan Center collection box for school supplies will be located at the welcome center during the upcoming football game.
- Peter Ryan announced that two MSU students had recently passed away due to tragic events; a graduate student as the result of a car wreck and an undergraduate student as a result of suicide.

**3. BGSA – Black Graduate Student Association:**

- Keyon Scott provided a power point presentation to the group informing on the reorganization of the association on campus, the history of Mississippi State University in the National Black Graduate Student Association, and of the groups upcoming meeting being hosted by MSU.
- Keyon noted that all members must also be active members of the Graduate Student Association.
- “Recruit, Retention, Reconnect”
- A copy of the power point presentation will be sent to Peter Ryan.

#### 4. AOP's:

##### 12.01 **Academic Add/Drop Policy:**

After discussion, Paul Grimes made a motion to send the policy forward to Hart Bailey, Faculty Senate, with a suggestion to separate out the policies of graduate and undergraduate students. It was noted that an academic misconduct loophole exists, that students can drop a course when found to be cheating. Additionally, clarification is needed for administrative drops. Walter Diehl seconded the motion. The document will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

##### 12.27 **College-Level Examination Program (CLEP):**

After discussion, the document was approved with four (4) minor edits. The document will be forwarded to the next Deans Council meeting.

##### 12.31 **Freshman Course Loads:**

After discussion, the document was approved with two (2) minor edits. The document will be forwarded to the next Deans Council meeting.

##### 12.32 **Refund and Course Credit Policy for Student Members of the Military Called to Active Duty or Deployed:**

After discussion, the document was approved as it is currently written. The document will be forwarded to the next Deans Council meeting.

##### 13.01 **Emeritus Appointments:**

After discussion, the document was approved as it is currently written. The document will be forwarded to the next Deans Council meeting.

##### 13.08 **Travel by Faculty and Staff:**

After discussion, the document was tabled until both Don Buffum and Sharon Carr could participate in the discussion and provide clarification.

##### 13.11 **Academic Freedom:**

After discussion, the document was approved as it is currently written. The document will be forwarded to the next Deans Council meeting.

#### 5. Other Items:

- Mike Rackley announced that the primary internet connection for the university will be down for 3-4 days beginning on September 28 at 8 a.m. The university does have a secondary system; it just doesn't have the same load capacity.
- Harry Llull announced the Library's upcoming open house to highlight the SCOPUS database. SCOPUS will save the university \$300,000.00, covers more literature than the Web of Science, and includes 90% of the same journals found in the Web of Science. In addition, there are 8,000 in SCOPUS not found in Web of Science and only 1,000 in Web of Science that are not found in SCOPUS.
- Tim Chamblee announced that the United Way campaign was getting underway. There will be a lunch in the junction on September 23, plates will be \$5.00 each. In addition, the silent auction will be online this year and will be available on Monday, September 27.

- Peter Ryan noted that the tea and clay cups, for sale as representative parts of the *Three Cups of Tea* events, were on display in McComas Hall, from Tuesday until Friday each week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Nathan Upchurch announced that the Student Association's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bulldog Bash will be held on Friday, September 24. Events are scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. and will culminate with a concert that evening.