

Associate Deans Council Meeting April 9, 2008

Present: Jerome A. Gilbert, Chair; Wes Ammon, Mark Binkley, Dave Boles, David Bridges, Robert Cooper, Diane Daniels, Walter Diehl, Mitzy Johnson for Julie Fulgham, Rachel Singleton for Rick Kaminski, Dinetta Karriem, Harry Llull, Rubye Guest for Scott Maynard, Nancy McCarley, Sue Minchew, Bill Person Mike Rackley, Al Rankins, Donna Reese, Lynn Reinschmiedt, Kevin Rogers, June Schmidt, Butch Stokes, Elton Moore, Mike White, and John Thompson.

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

1. Consideration of the minutes:

The minutes of the March 26, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Chairperson's Report:

*Dr. Gilbert clarified the program that has been developed by the Office of the Provost to assist in the hiring of African American faculty. The program will cover their salary 100% in year 1, 75% in year 2, 50% in year 3, with the department being responsible for 100% of the salary in year 4 of employment. The selection criteria will allow the department to hire African Americans with a green card or with American citizenship.

*Dr. Gilbert reminded everyone of the Study Abroad scholarship opportunity, announced at the last meeting. The deadline to get information to Nancy Fultz is April 11th.

*Dr. Gilbert announced that honors registration was the largest the University has seen. Only 8 out of 546 did not register on Monday.

*Dr. Gilbert proposed the idea of issuing class schedules to freshman when they arrive on campus for registration. Dr. Gilbert mentioned that this might make the process easier for the student.

3. SACS

Dr. Gilbert announced that the University was informed that SACS is going to a 5-year mid review on accreditation and that we will undergo one in 2018. If faculty do not meet the criteria set by SACS for teaching undergraduate or graduate level courses, a letter of justification must be on file. Dr. Gilbert mentioned that the University should have a mechanism in place to track graduates after graduation.

4. AOP on Annual Faculty Evaluation

Council accepted the recommendations and accepted the amended AOP. The document will now go to the Dean's Council for approval at the April 21st meeting.

5. Other Business

*Bill Person announced that Dr. Janice Chambers was nominated and selected as 1 of 34 in the nation to be recognized in the Graduate Education and The Common Good. The winner will be announced April 24, 2008.

*Butch announced that 1,954 students applied for May graduation. 785 will walk on Friday evening (13 with 4.0), and 736 will walk on Saturday (12 with 4.0). There will be a dinner on Friday evening and a breakfast on Saturday morning.