

ASSOCIATE DEANS COUNCIL
June 26, 2002

PRESENT: George Rent, Chair; George Buehler, Louis Capella, Luther Epting, Julie Fulgham, Dan Hollingsworth, Dinetta Karriem, Sue Minchew, Gary Myers, Phillip Nelson, Debbie Bowen Pepper, Ruth Prescott, Jim Price, Mike Rackley, Lynn Reinschmiedt, Butch Stokes, and Mike White.

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

1. Dr. Rent announced that Dr. George Buehler is retiring on June 30, 2002. Dr. Buehler has played a major role as part of Associate Deans Council. Dr. Rent expressed appreciation to Dr. Buehler for his service to Associate Deans Council, the College of Arts & Sciences, the Department of Foreign Languages, and the university in general.

Dr. Rent also announced that Dr. Jim Price is retiring on June 30, 2002, and expressed appreciation to Dr. Price.

Dr. Rent introduced new members Dr. Sue Minchew, Assistant Dean, College of Education, and Dr. Gary Myers, Interim Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences.

2. Consideration of the Minutes
 - The minutes from the ADC April 10, 2002 meeting were approved as circulated.
3. Chairperson's Report:
 - Dr. Rent announced that Dr. Phil Oldham had been named the new dean of Arts & Sciences effective July 1, 2002.
 - Mr. Larry Dobbs, Registrar, is retiring June 30, 2002. Mr. Butch Stokes has been named interim registrar.
 - Dr. Harold (Nick) Nichols is the new Meridian dean effective July 16, 2002. His doctorate is in theater history and he joins MSU-Meridian as work gets under way to restore the opera house as part of the Riley Education and Performing Arts Center. The Riley Center is expected

to open in 2005 and will offer a wide range of conferences and performances.

- The university has come under a new system with TVA which allows for the possibility of controlled electricity outages when demand is particularly high. In the event MSU is required to interrupt the campus power supply this summer, the Physical Plant department will receive one hour's notification of the impending cutoff, and a notification procedure designed to reach as many faculty and staff as possible will be implemented immediately. Most faculty and staff should receive notice in ample time to save computer files or take other appropriate steps to prepare for loss of electricity. This fall, the university expects to begin construction of a campus power generating plant that will provide a backup electricity supply in the event of either controlled or uncontrolled interruptions.
 - Dr. Rent encouraged the associate deans to thank Dr. Lee for pushing forward with the salary increases. This process began with Dr. Portera. Dr. Lee met with the IHL Board and with legislators and deserves much credit.
 - Summer School II payroll is due in the Provost Office on July 10. Associate deans were asked to look at the schedule carefully.
 - Dr. Verrall will meet with the deans and associate deans on June 27 to discuss the fall schedule and reducing the amount of unfunded classes.
 - Dr. Rent discussed orientation and registration. A section of calculus was added which helped. Engineering had a problem with people leaving early during registration because they could not get overrides. Butch Stokes stated that departmental staff could be given permission to enter overrides.
 - Butch Stokes reported that approximately 12,800 had registered for fall; there are approximately 4000 to go. Only about half of the graduate students are registered for fall at this time.
4. Julie Fulgham distributed the results of the Academic Profile Assessment updated May 2002. This has been presented to the deans. Dr. Rent stated that this report will be presented to the UCCC for recommendations to address issues such as critical thinking as reflected in Table 5. A university wide effort may make a difference. The associate deans were asked to review the information and call the Office of Planning, Evaluation & Institutional Effectiveness if more information is needed. Ms. Fulgham noted that this report will be presented to the IHL along with other reports.

5. Other Business:

- Three-year probation reports were presented to the IHL in the format requested. These reports will go to the July Board meeting. We will be given a directive on how to correct these issues.
- Ruth Prescott reported that the Provost Office has received several requests for retroactive withdrawals outside of policy. These are most significant policy exceptions when F's are changed to W's. Ms. Prescott asked the associate deans if they want to pursue a change in the policy or allow exceptions if documentation is provided.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30.