

**ASSOCIATE DEANS COUNCIL**  
**October 9, 2002**

PRESENT: George Rent, Chair; Louis Capella, Luther Epting, Julie Fulgham, Dan Hollingsworth, Bob Karr, Ruby Licon, Linda Morse, Gary Myers, Phillip Nelson, Debbie Bowen Pepper, Bill Person, Ruth Prescott, Mike Rackley, Lynn Reinschmiedt, June Schmidt, Bobby Stokes, Robert Taylor, Jack White, and Mike White.

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

1. Consideration of the Minutes
  - The minutes from the ADC September 11, 2002 meeting were approved as circulated.
2. Chairperson's Report:
  - The Mississippi Association of Colleges (MAC) conference is scheduled for October 20-22 at Oxford. Tom Meredith will be there as well as SACS and SREB representatives. The CAO meeting is scheduled for October 22; MSU will have representatives there.
  - The Spring 2003 Requests for Unfunded/Funded [Unstaffed] Spreadsheets have been approved as submitted.
  - Candidates for Vice President for Student Affairs will be on campus October 10 and 11. Associate deans were encouraged to attend sessions.
3. Butch Stokes distributed an analysis of academic dismissals Summer 1998 through Spring 2002. During that time frame, 912 students have been dismissed from the university. Of that figure, 642 (70.4%) have never returned; 93 (10.2%) returned and reached good standing. 85 (9.3%) returned but did not reach good standing. 92 (10.1%) returned and were dismissed again. This data shows that 7 out of 10 will not return after dismissal; 2 out of 10 will return but will not be successful academically; 1 out of 10 dismissals will return and reach good academic standing. Over time more students will eventually come back.
4. Ruth Prescott reported that the President has appointed a task force to consider the issue of social security numbers as student I.D. numbers. Daniel Bryant is chairing the task force. Peer universities are moving in the direction of not using social security numbers as student identification numbers. Dr. Rent reminded the group that posting grades by social security numbers is illegal; associate deans were asked to remind faculty of this.

The Student Association has asked the President for a fall break and for a modified exam schedule. We have been instructed by the president to put together for discussion purposes a draft academic calendar to include a fall break. The fall break would likely be the Monday through Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The Registrar is to look at an exam schedule Monday through Friday. The draft will be presented to the Vice Presidents and President, and they will work with the Student Association. If approved, it will be implemented by Fall 2003.

Butch Stokes stated that scheduling exams Monday through Friday would complicate December graduation.

5. Other Business:

- Butch Stokes distributed information regarding academic amnesty and fresh start. The petitions now match the policies. When updated, the bulletin statement will match the policies. The Academic Fresh Start policy reads, "All college credits earned prior to being granted academic fresh start will be eliminated from the computation of the student's grade point average and may never be used toward graduation at Mississippi State University." Some departments have recommended approval for amnesty and/or fresh start petitions for students who are not coming back to MSU but are immediately transferring to another university. These students are attempting to have their academic records improved by application of these policies. The student's transcript will reflect the complete academic record but will contain the notation at the appropriate point that all-previous credits and grades have been declared void for purposes of academic standing and graduation.
- Butch Stokes distributed the new Registration Worksheet and Student Enrollment Information sheet. These forms will be used during pre-registration for Spring 2003.
- Mid-term grades are due by October 14. Preregistration begins 10/31 through 12/13. Registration will be closed long enough to close out semester and will be open again through the holiday period.
- There is a new Banner web feature for individual directed study sections.
- Criss Request for Proposal information has gone out to the faculty. The John Grisham Teaching Award has been endowed, and the request for nominations will be distributed soon.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.