

Meeting Minutes
Deans Council
February 25, 2015

Present: Conrad Davidson, Warren Gamas, Lenore Koczon, Paul Markel, Jacek Mrozik, Lori Willoughby, Kris Warmoth

Guest: Rebecca Porter

Credit By Exam – Rebecca Porter

At present MSU does not have a policy on dealing with transfer credit based on exams given at another university or college. The Registrar proposed a policy to deal with this issue. After some discussion the policy was edited to read:

Credit is evaluated on the basis by which the credit was initially awarded by the sending institution. MSU accepts credits earned via a nationally standardized examination as per NDUS policy. Credit by examination, credit awarded via placement, or life experience credit awarded by another institution is not accepted in transfer.

Motion to approve: Paul Markel. Second: Jacek Mrozik.

Approved 6-0-0

Bush Foundation Grant Update – Paul Markel and Lori Willoughby

The Bush Foundation has a call out for proposals aimed at increasing college completion that are bold, innovative, and inclusive. The objective is not just to graduate students but to have them thrive after graduation. A team of faculty working on a grant proposal have the following goals for their project:

- Build skills in and out of the classroom
- Experience
- Confidence

The proposal reaches out to high school teachers to pair up with university faculty on projects that involve students. Includes a summer summit prior to starting college, mentors for new students, academic skills, and internships.

Faculty in the College of Business are also submitting a proposal to the Bush Foundation to set up high tech classrooms at MSU, TMCC and Ft. Berthold that would allow for the exchange of classes without having the students travel. This set-up can be used for synchronous learning as well as allow for taping of classes. Faculty would be trained to use the best teaching methods of both face-to-face and online environments.

FYE – Paul Markel

Chairs in various departments have concerns about FYE, in terms of staffing/resources, effectiveness and process to approve an FYE. Other concerns discussed include:

- The idea of an advisory board needs to be formalized.
- The research piece needs to be shared.
- Is it to discuss changes in FYE?
- Will there be a stand-alone UNIV course for students who fail just that course?

Implementation of Electronic Course Evaluation – Kris Warmoth

See handout. MSU has the license to be able to do electronic course evaluations. Looking at centralizing the notice that course evaluations are available to students rather than having each department administrative assistant responsible for this task. You do not need a Blackboard shell for a course to use the electronic course evaluation

Grade Distribution in Online Courses – Kris Warmoth

The question raised was whether or not this data points towards courses that may need to be redesigned and to courses that may need a more intensive level of student support. More details from the data were requested by the deans.

Starfish – Lenore Koczon

A representative from Starfish will be on campus March 12, 2015. The deans are asked to encourage the chairs to attend one of the presentations on this software.

Tuition Changes – Lenore Koczon

NDUS has announced that full implementation of the changes to tuition set out in Pathways will not take place until 2018.

IACBE Accreditation Visit – Jacek Mrozik

This week the College of Business hosted a visiting team from IACBE. The visit went well. Comments from the team were overall positive. Expect notice of continuing accreditation later in the spring semester.