

Deans Council
April 21, 2010

Ric Berry	Mary Nelle Brunson	Steve Bullard
Shirley Dickerson	Tony Duben	Mel Finkenberg
John Goodall	Larry King	Brian Murphy
James Standley	Mike Stroup	

1. Honors Michael Tkacik
Undergraduate Research Conference will be held in the Student Center, April 22, 2010 – faculty are encouraged to attend.

Dr. Tkacik proposed a change to requirements in Honors School. Currently we do not graduate many students with honors - a requirement for two honors courses per year to stay in the program, is proposed. Juniors and seniors will be grandfathered, which will require more honors contracts. This is in-line with improving our academic standards. All the deans were in agreement.
2. Revised List of Mathematics Courses to be Included in Core Tony Duben
Dr. Duben proposed a change to requirements for the math core curriculum. He detailed prerequisites that will remain in the core allowing students to satisfy core curriculum requirements as they complete their major. All deans were in approval, the change will be effective Fall, 2010. Dr. Berry stated that next year issues such as this will go to the core curriculum committee for approval.
3. Revised B.S. in one of the Sciences or Mathematics – Fall 2010 Tony Duben
Dr. Duben proposed a change to the B.S. degree requirements beginning Fall 2010 to encourage students to take math early in their freshman year. 4 hours will now be required from Math 220 or 234, depending on major.
4. Lab Sections Tony Duben
The fall schedule shows changes to coupled sections, lab courses no longer have an “L”. Dr. Duben stated that some lab courses give separate grade and we need a way to identify them – this will be discussed with Lynda Langham to decide how these will be listed in the bulletin.
5. TExES Testing Prior to Student Teaching Mel Finkenberg
Dr. Finkenberg would like to request that students pass the TExES testing prior to student teaching, he would like to make this mandatory by fall 2011. One reason students put off this test is because of cost, Dr. Finkenberg thinks he may have a way to help financially, he will be notified through Teacher Education Council and will revert back to Deans Council.
6. Policies Brian Murphy
Course Contact Hours (A-14)
Residence Requirement (A-55)
Summer Teaching Appointments (A-18A)
Guest Lecturers (A-21)
Instructor-generated Materials (A-22.I)

Guarantees Relation to Matters other Termination and non-renewal	(E-26A)
Graduate Student Advisement	(A-6I)
Faculty Evaluation and Merit Pay	(E-20A)
Designation of School Status	(A-63)
Academic Advising for Undergraduate Students	(A-59)

With some minor adjustments, all policies were approved and will be submitted to the Board at the July meeting.

7. Enrollment in On-Line Courses

With the current economic climate, Dr. Berry asked that faculty are encouraged to maximize enrollment in on-line classes. In general they should be able to teach as many on-line as they would face to face.

8. Board Meeting

All proposed policies were approved at the April board meeting, as well as promotion and tenure.

A Lifetime Cultural Achievement Award was established and we are in the process of producing medals for this award. Summer budget was approved.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Academic Affairs Council – May 5, 2010.