

Deans Council  
10/19/22

The meeting was called to order at 9.02 a.m.

1. After a minor change from Dr. Childs the minutes from October 2 were approved and will be posted on the Academic Affairs webpage.
2. Dr. Smith gave an overview on the budget and stated our top need is instructional. There was discussion about requesting a 6% merit/equity raise or another one-time bonus. It was suggested looking at our budgets in January to see where we stand and make a spending plan for our year end balances.
3. **Dual Credit**  
Several of the deans had concerns concerning dual credit classes, Dr. Smith stated we must offer these if we have a signed MOU. However; we should fully reevaluate dual credit and ask what is the value? It costs the colleges money to offer these classes with no return. Dr. Guidry stated this a good service for schools in our area/community, but the further away we offer the courses, the less benefit we see. Dr. Abbott stated these classes were offered to give students a jump-start on college and provide a service to high school students who would not normally have access to them. Dr. Wurtz stated it is the same situation with honors courses we are required to offer with no extra budget.
4. **Straigherline**  
Further discussion on accepting Straighterline credits, Dr. Smith will arrange a conversation with the company. At present we will consider upon review of transcripts. However, we will no longer accept them after fall 2023.
5. **Policies**  
Misconduct in Scholarly or Creative Activities (7.19)  
Stone Fort Museum Collections (5.17)  
Graduate Student Advising (6.13)

Hans Williams

These policies were discussed with no objections, after recommendation from the deans, Dr. Smith approved the three policies to be sent to the Board in January.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

*Attendees:*

*Lorenzo Smith  
Sheryll Jerez  
Judy Abbott  
Tim Bisping*

*Marc Guidry  
Alisha Collins  
Dustin Knapp  
Gary Wurtz*

*Sharon Brewer  
Hans Williams  
Kim Childs*