

Minutes **TO POST**

DEANS COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.

President's Conference Room

PRESENT: John Wells (Chair), Jim Brown, Rick Cary, Cathy Franklin-Griffin, Marie Nicholson, Scott Pearson, Jennifer Rhinehart, Phyllis Smith, Beth Vogler
ABSENT: Cathy Adkins

1. Community Engagement - Deb Myers

Deb Myers distributed handout (still in *draft* mode) in regard to a new academic program proposal "Certificate in Community Engagement". Deb stated that the Bonner Scholar Program presents a clear pathway for students to be engaged in the community during their 4 years at MHU but for the other students without a Bonner connection, there is no opportunity for community engagement - no intentional development with students and partners in the community. This Certificate proposal would provide this type of opportunity. A brief summary of the proposal is as follows:

- Student Learning Outcomes
 - Identify social and environmental issues, resources, assets and cultures in the community, region and the world
 - Communicate informed, innovative, and effective action steps for positive change in the community.
 - Engage with people who have ideas, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors different from one's own as professional members of society.
- 16 credit hours
- Required Courses
 - SOC 111: Introduction of Sociology 3
 - GE 301: Introduction to Leadership 3
 - GE 261: Service Learning Internship (Fall of J/S Yr) 2
 - GE 261: Service Learning Internship (Spring of J/S Yr) 2
- Choose two (3CR) CE designated courses (there is a current list but would like to expand it)
- Notes about the Certificate:
 - An application will be required for the program. Students would need to be accepted before they can be enrolled in GE 301 and GE 261.
 - Students will apply for completion of the certificate. The Community Engagement Advisory Board will review applications and determine if all requirements are met.
- Cost to students - minimal (background check - \$25); transportation
- Deb asked for feedback/advice moving forward with proposal:
 - Send deans electronic version to share with faculty in respective departments for feedback.

2. Minutes of February 3, 2016 approved.

3. Enrollment Update - John Wells
4. Feedback from Divisional Dinner Discussions - John Wells
 - Not enough time (more brainstorming/discussion will continue for Hum/SS at their division meeting next week)
 - Appreciated by faculty that the administration is interested in their input
 - Additional lunch or breakfast session will be scheduled for those who had conflicts with previous dinner/breakfast sessions; deans to poll faculty that are interested in attending for a preferred date/time - send to Academic Affairs.
 - Deans to submit names to John Wells & Jim Brown of (3) faculty names from each division to be considered for nomination to the Strategic Planning Committee.
5. Sabbatical Requests - John Wells & Phyllis Smith
 - Humanities/SS - Phyllis Smith
 - **History/Religion/Phi Department - John Griptentrog, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History**
Proposed Activity: Research project dealing with Japan's efforts to influence US public opinion in the 1930s by applying tools commonly associated with "cultural diplomacy." Sabbatical will allow Dr. Griptentrog to draw together many strands of scholarship—including dissertation evidence, journal articles, and additional research in Japan (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Japan Foundation archives) and the National Archives—to produce a valuable monograph that will not only enhance his own courses, but find a relevant place in university and college curricula.
Requested Sabbatical Period: Academic Year 2016-17
Proposed Funding from external funding sources: ACA Fellowship - \$30,000
ACTION: Following a motion, this was approved/supported by Deans Council
 - Humanities/SS - Phyllis Smith
 - **Language/Literature Department - Joanna T. Pierce, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English**
Proposed Activity: Examine the work of Winifred Holtby, early 20th-century novelist, critic, and journalist, through the lens of ecocritical theory, with a specific focus on her work about and during The Great War. The result of this sabbatical project will be an article-length essay for publication.
Requested Sabbatical Period: Spring Semester 2017
Proposed Funding from external funding sources: N/A
ACTION: Following a motion, this was approved/supported by Deans Council
6. Faculty Development Award - Jim Brown

A new initiative/proposal coming out of the divisional dinner meetings/conversations is as follows (still in *draft* mode); please send ideas/feedback to Jim Brown:

 - Title: Faculty Research Support Grants
 - Purpose: To provide "seed money" in support of research, scholarship, and creativity by faculty
 - Deadline: Last Friday in September ?
 - Eligibility: Tenured and Tenure-track Faculty
 - Amounts: On average grants are \$2,500

- Provide support for the following expenditures pertinent to the research project being proposed:
 - Supplies, materials and services
 - Equipment
 - Travel costs to conduct the research or attend conferences to vet new ideas relevant to the project
 - Labor costs for adjunct or graduate/undergraduate researchers
 - Other?
 - Will not fund the following:
 - Travel to a conference for sole purpose is to give a presentation or merely to attend the conference
 - Matching funds for an existing grant from an external funder
 - Publication charges for a previous project
 - Curriculum, program or course/assessment development projects
 - Equipment essentials as part of startup funds for new programs
 - Student labor cost to a department or program
 - Additional salary directly to a faculty member
 - Evaluation Criteria and Procedures
7. Academic Integrity Policy - Jennifer Rhinehart
 - Most recent draft has been approved by Plans & Policies
 - Need nominations for faculty to serve on the Academic Integrity Appeals Board
 - Announce at Faculty Meeting on March 3rd
 8. Presidential Lecture Series - John Wells

The next event in the Presidential Lecture and Performance Series is tomorrow - March 3, 2016. North Carolina senators Tom Apodaca and Terry Van Duyn will present a lecture titled "*How Can Civility in Politics Be Recreated?*" Thursday evening, March 3rd, at 7pm in Broyhill Chapel.
 9. Agenda for BOT Retreat/Workshop - John Wells

Dr. Wells distributed handout reflecting the agenda for the two-day BOT Workshop (March 10-11, 2016) at the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove. Student participation/perspectives as well as entertainment will be part of the workshop.
 10. Other - Cathy Franklin-Griffin announced nursing candidate (Dr. Kristen Hershey) to campus for interview on Tuesday, March 8th.

Adjourned at 4:58 p.m.