

Middle Georgia State University
Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting No. 5
Thursday, November 7, 2015
Room 212, President's Meeting Room, Macon Campus

Members Present: Mr. Edwynn Wallace, SOSM/Sci-Eng (Chair)
Mr. Peter Gareis, A&S/Engl (Recorder)
Dr. Yunsuk Chae, A&S/MCA
Dr. Ervin Briones, A&S/Psyc
Mr. William (Bill) Hervey, Health Services
Dr. Frank Ryerson, Business
Ms. Liz Aycock, Nursing
Dr. Shamani Shikwambi, Education
Mr. Shannon Beasley, IT (conference call)
Mr. William "Dusty" Lowery, Aviation (conference call)

Ex Officio: Kevin Cantwell

Members Absent: Dr. Adam Bland, SOSM/Math (no longer at MGA?)
Dr. Brooke Miller, A&S/Hist-PS
Dr. Pushpa Yadav, Biology

Guests: Dr. Jeff Mohr
Dr. Laura Thomason

01) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:32 am. Committee reviewed and approved the agenda with an amendment. Committee conferred, agreed, and voted. Minutes were discussed but we realized that Peter had not sent them out, so that will be revisited.

02) SPECIAL GUESTS:

A) Jeff Mohr, representing the Institutional Review Board (IRB). IRB only covers human research, so a separate body (IACUC) will need to be created to address that issue. Federal guidelines for IRB are relatively vague and allow significant leeway in board structure and implementation, but they require that the interests and protection of many groups be represented: children, pregnant women, people with disabilities, minorities, the elderly, etc. Federal guidelines, additionally, do give broad categories for educational or experience guidelines for choosing board members; hence, the board will attempt to cover these using the provided guidelines of choosing members from a variety of disciplines.

This committee was created some years ago but has lain effectively dormant for most of those years. Jeff, as chair, is working to bring up to university standards. Ed suggested that we use a similar method of choosing representatives used on other university committees, picking one from each academic unit. Board members do not rotate like other committees; no more than a third of the board should change in a given year to maintain continuity.

Shannon noted that the government describes scientists as people who may not be scientists in name but who use scientific method and statistical analysis in their research.

Jeff will revise the proposal, and we will review it and vote on the document.

B) Laura Thomason, representing International Programs Review Board. International organizations recommend that a university have a board like this to facilitate and organize study abroad. Up until now, the institution and former institutions did this more on an *ad hoc* basis. She suggests that the new board would review its on charge each year as the

university and program grow and change. Under this aegis would also be domestic study away programs, which