

Dean's Council Notes
July 28, 2004

Roy Gregory visited and spoke about fund raising and the economic impact of APSU. If anyone has any ideas on fund raising, please contact Roy Gregory at gregoryr@apsu.edu

Dr. Speck gave a report from the TBR Academic Sub council Retreat he attended. He spoke of a program being considered by TBR of "Designing a Comprehensive Academic Leadership Program" based on a program in Missouri. This program would provide training of future leaders such as department chairs.

Dr Speck also provided a list of degrees considered "terminal" to aid in the Promotion, Retention, and Tenure Process. The list lacks specificity. Since the new TBR policies for P.T. and R will allow University Presidents to submit a list of exceptions, it appears specific APSU requirements can build from this list.

Reprint of document:

Doctorates:

Ph. D

Ed.D

D.A.

Masters:

M.F.A. (Studio Art, Creative Writing)

MLS (or Masters in Library Science)

M.M. (Certain Specialties in Music)

Masters in Engineering or Masters with
Major in Engineering (Engineering Tech.,
University Level)

Note: National practice does not recognize the J. D. as a doctorate

Due to hospital accreditation rules, many hospitals may be requiring all students and faculty working/training in hospitals to get a criminal background check. It APPEARS that there is no sharing mechanism between hospitals of this information so it MAY BE required that each student and faculty would be required to get a background check for EACH hospital working/training at. Each background check costs about \$35-\$40 and there may be a yearly fee to maintain this background check. This hospital accreditation rule is supposed to go into effect Fall 2004.

A subcommittee of the Deans suggested that the policy dealing with salary increases based upon continuing education (Policy 5.048) be revised to include faculty members instead of the current policy of applying only to staff members. This revising policy would not impact faculty members who are hired contingent on completion of Dissertation (A.B.D).

Sheila Bryant talked about Tennessee Lottery laws regarding the creation of an appeal board for students who are in danger of losing Lottery Scholarships. In most cases the

appeal would be successful only due to medical reasons but all grades will still count making higher grades required following semesters to maintain scholarship status.

Charles Pinder spoke about a recent ruling from Labor Relations Board (New Fair Labor Standard Act) that implies graduate assistants must be on hourly wages instead of salaries. More clarification on the impact is forthcoming.