

Deans' Council
February 25, 2004

1. Academic Honors Day Ceremony: The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, **April 21, 2004, at 3 p.m. in the MMC Concert Hall**. Faculty are encouraged to attend. Attendance was very low last year. Some awards previously given in other venues will be given at this ceremony (Hawkins Award, Distinguished Professor Award, & Socrates Award beginning Spring 2005). Hawkins Award winner will speak at Fall the Faculty Meeting and Distinguished Professor Award winner will speak at the Spring Faculty Meeting.
2. Distinguished Achievement Award: Nominations and supporting materials are due to Dr. Speck by 4:30 p.m. on March 29, 2004.
3. Deborah Fetch discussed the library database price increases for next year.
4. Deans agreed if the University can give more than the 2% across the board pay increase that equity pay should be addressed.
5. Reduction of Programs to 120 hours is being finalized. A document of APSU's degree reduction plan is posted on the Faculty Senate website (<http://www.apsu.edu/senatef/Documents/Degree%20Reduction%20Plan%20Table%20revised%20120303.pdf>).
6. Outcomes/Syllabi/Faculty Handbook: Joe Filippo said general education core course learning outcomes need to be reflected on course syllabi.
7. Experiential Credit: Deans approved the latest revision of the Experiential Credit document with changes suggested by Faculty Senate Academic White Committee. Available at <http://www.apsu.edu/senatef/Documents/Experiential%20Learning%20Credit022404revision.pdf>.
8. Possible Solutions to Improve Late Grades: 1) Academic Dead Week, 2) Method to affirm all grades are submitted. Late grades are more of a problem in Fall semester. With the TBR common calendar there will be no exams on graduation day. Late grades create a big problem because academic probation & suspension reports must be delayed until grades are submitted by faculty.
9. Love Community Service Awards- students, faculty, and staff may be nominated. Please send nominations by the end of February (including packets).
10. U.S. Professors of the Year Program: Handout for 2004 nominees. Entries due by April 23, 2004.