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# Meeting Minutes

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**Council of Academic Deans  
CAD Minutes  
February 10, 2016  
2:30 p.m.**

**Voting Members Present:** Eric Reed, Ken Crawford (for Cheryl Stevens), Sam Evans, Connie Foster, Jeff Katz, Merrall Price (for Dennis George), Larry Snyder and Neale Chumbler.

**Advisory Members Present:** David Lee, Richard Miller, Craig Cobane, Ladonna Hunton, Cheryl Davis, Beth Laves, Doug McElroy, Tuesdi Helbig, and Amber Scott Belt.

**Guests Present:** Deborah Wilkins and Andrea Anderson

**I. Approval of January 27, 2016 Minutes**

Dean Evans made a motion, seconded by Dean Foster, to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2015 CAD Meeting. The motion passed without dissent.

**II. Information Items:**

A. WKU Course Definitions Follow-up (tabled until February 24<sup>th</sup>)

**III. Discussion Items:**

A. Academic Space Designations

Deborah Wilkins addressed the Council concerning an article that had been recently published in the *Herald*. The article indicated that a new “quiet room” had been established on the first floor of Tate Page Hall. Ms. Wilkins reminded deans that we must be careful not to encourage or facilitate behavior that would either interfere with the academic process or show preference to one religion over another.

After much discussion it was determined that (1) no room on campus can be designated as a “prayer” room. Such areas may be designated as either “meditation,” “reflection,” “quiet,” etc. (2) Ken Crawford will speak with two of Ogden’s Academic Advisors to discern what needs, if any, Islamic Students may have with respect to prayer. The discussion was tabled until February 24<sup>th</sup>.

B. Strategic Guiding Principles for Budget Reductions

Provost Lee provided the deans with nine guiding principles that may be used for strategically evaluating their respective budget(s). After much discussion, it was suggested that Provost Lee meet with the department heads/chairs and deans to present the Strategic Guiding Principles for Budget Reduction, and give them the opportunity to make suggestions.

C. Miscellaneous

Provost Lee indicated that the deans may proceed with searches and interviews with the understanding that it will be at the discretion of President Ransdell to approve an offer of employment before it is made.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Scott Belt