

3/9/07 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Sheila Adams, Angie Atkins, Dr. Suzanne Bean, Lucy Betcher, Dr. Michael Burger (for Dr. Dorothy Kerzel), Dr. Eric Daffron, Nicole Dilg, Dr. Patricia Donat, Melanie Freeman, Gail Gunter, Dave Haffly, Dr. Hal Jenkins, Larry Jones, Dr. Claudia Limbert, Cay Lollar, Dan Miller, Nora Miller, Tonya Moak, Dr. Barbara Moore, Dr. Bridget Pieschel, Dr. Tom Richardson, Amy Swingle, Dr. Tom Velek, and Dr. Bucky Wesley.

Absent: Dr. Anne Balazs, Dr. Gary Bouse, Stephanie Brady, Dr. Jim Fitzgerald, Andrea Holcombe, Chris Holland, Jan Miller, Anika Perkins, Mary Margaret Roberts, Perry Sansing, Calvin Sellers, Wahnee Sherman, Stephen Taylor and Sam Wise.

Dr. Claudia Limbert called the meeting to order and then excused herself while the rest of the Administrative Council discussed policy statements. The group accepted PS 3501, PS 3529, PS 3539 and PS 5501 into the review process.

Marco Obaid from MUW's Information Technology Services department gave a power point presentation about email/spam. He said email usage is growing and the amount of threat to email also is growing. Spam is one of these threats. ITS uses a multi-layered approach to the problem. Every email goes through many steps to eliminate spam, but it still gets through. ITS uses many methods to evaluate the university's success in this area, including data comparison. One site shows MUW does a good job. Most spam could be eliminated, but the method would also be very restrictive to users. The challenge is to find a balance between security and convenience. Other challenges are resources, business continuity, lack of enforced standards, legal challenges, and storage. Future plans are to give the user the ability to decide how restrictive or lenient to set his or her individual email program. Another addition will be Novell Groupwise which will have many features, including the ability to share calendars.

Dr. Limbert informed the group that MUW's Culinary Arts Institute is one of three finalists at a national cook off competition in New Orleans this weekend.

The group approved minutes from the January and February meetings.