11/6/15 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: LeAnn Alexander, Dr. Brian Anderson, Dewey Blansett, Dr. Jim Borsig, Cheryl Bowen, Dr. David Brooking, Sirena Cantrell, Karen Clay, Lee Crouse, James Denney, Lynn Dobbs, Melanie Freeman, Dr. Dionne Fortenberry, Maridith Geuder, Rodney Godfrey, Gail Gunter, Jess Harpole, Dr. Marty Hatton, Quincy Hughes, Melinda Lowe, Carla Lowery, Lisa McDaniel, Nora Miller, Andrew Moneymaker, Shelley Moss, Nicole Patrick, Danny Patton, Anika Perkins, Susan Soblely, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Dr. Kim Whitehead, Ken Widner, and Tyler Wheat.

Dr. Jim Borsig called the meeting to order.

Minutes -
Following a motion by Danny Patton and a second by Dr. Marty Hatton, the minutes from the October 2015 meeting were approved.

University Update –
Dr. Borsig reported that about 150 people participated in the University Priorities Conversations in October. The University Priorities Committee meets today to discuss the information that came out of the conversations. He said he still plans for the announcement about the university priorities to take place in the spring.

He said that Dr. Kurt Patberg, the university’s athletics consultant, met with various campus groups earlier this week. Even though there will be challenges, there appears to be broad support for bringing back athletics at The W. He said to expect an announcement sooner rather than later.

Dr. Borsig noted that campus safety continues to be an important topic on campus. He encouraged the members of Administrative Council to review the Clery Report and to download the Crisis Manager app. He said the university will continue to improve campus safety and that bystander intervention is very important.

Dr. Borsig thanked members for participating in this week’s Title IX training sessions. The training is mandatory because of federal regulations. Sirena Cantrell added that if people missed the sessions, she can send information to those individuals so they can complete the training. She also noted that there has been good student participation in the online training.

He said that state revenues are a little below estimate, but a 2% growth is expected for 2016. The university will plan for flat funding for next year or slightly higher. More will be known after the legislative budget recommendation is released, which is usually in early December. Dr. Borsig also said that everything indicates that the legislative leadership is committed to funding the other half of the salary increase for higher education.
Dr. Borsig told the group that IHL recently requested each of the universities submit a 3-year tuition recommendation. He said he didn’t feel comfortable doing three years, so The W submitted two years. The W recommended a 5% or $330 increase for next year and another 5% increase for the second year. He noted that the increase in tuition revenue will cover increased costs for compliance issues and technology. The W will still be the most affordable in the state. The IHL Board should act on the tuition recommendations at its November meeting.

**Faculty Senate Update** –
Lee Crouse reported that the next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for November 13.

**Staff Council Update** –
Tyler Wheat noted that Staff Council is co-sponsoring the Thanksgiving basket project with The W Leadership Program.

**SGA Update** –
Quincy Hughes said SGA will have an It’s On Us conversation week the week of November 8, and a student event is scheduled for November 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pope Banquet Room to educate students about the state flag.

**Policies** –
Following a motion by Maridith Geuder and a second by Shelley Moss, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 3102 (Use of Tobacco and Simulated Tobacco) into the review process.

Following a motion by Nora Miller and a second by Maridith Geuder, the Administrative Council voted to recommend Dr. Borsig approve changes to PS 5204 (Administration of Sponsored Programs from External Sources).