5/6/16 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Sheila Adams, LeAnn Alexander, Dr. Brian Anderson, Dewey Blansett, Dr. Jim Borsig, Sirena Cantrell, Karen Clay, Lee Crouse, James Denney, Lynn Dobbs, Melanie Freeman, Rodney Godfrey, Gail Gunter, Dave Haffly, Jessica Harpole, Quincy Hughes, Melinda Lowe, Carla Lowery, Lisa McDaniel, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Nora Miller, Andrew Moneymaker, Shelley Moss, Nicole Patrick, Danny Patton, Anika Perkins, Dr. Tom Richardson, Rita Robinson, Susan Soble, 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 Shelley Moss, the minutes from the April 2016 meeting were approved.

University Update –
Dr. Borsig thanked the members of Administrative Council for an outstanding academic year and noted some of the many university accomplishments. He noted how important it will be going forward to not depend on increased funding from the state. It will take everyone, especially the faculty, to recruit and retain students. He said there are also opportunities for everyone to help with fundraising and to assist with reconnecting alumni to the university. Dr. Borsig said he plans to set up a group in the fall to work on financial sustainability for the university. He said the university will need to focus on the adopted priorities and make tough choices on shifting resources to where there are opportunities in order to compete for and retain students. He added that budgeting is 365-day process, but he is confident in this university.

Faculty Senate Update –
No report.

Staff Council Update –
Tyler Wheat announced that the Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on May 20.

SGA Update –
Quincy Hughes reported that the SGA officers for the 2016-17 academic year have been elected. Mr. Hughes will continue as SGA President.

Other –
Dr. Borsig noted that this was Gail Gunter’s last Administrative Council meeting, and he thanked her for her many years of service to the university.