2/2/18 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Nick Adams, Dr. Sheila Adams, LeAnn Alexander, Dr. Brian Anderson, Dr. Mark Bean, Dr. David Brooking, Sirena Cantrell, Lee Crouse, James Denney, Lynn Dobbs, Melanie Freeman, Aisha Ghimire, Rodney Godfrey, Dave Haffly, Dr. Amber Handy, Jessica Harpole, Dr. Marty Hatton, Jody Kennedy, Melinda Lowe, Carla Lowery, Lisa McDaniel, Jennifer Moore, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Nora Miller, Shelley Moss, Nicole Patrick, Danny Patton, Anika Perkins, Amanda Powers, Dr. Tom Richardson, Ginger Smith, Susan Sobley, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Jason Trufant, Dr. Kim Whitehead, and Ken Widner

In the absence of Dr. Jim Borsig, Dr. Tom Richardson called the meeting to order.

Minutes -
Following a motion by Lee Crouse and a second by Dr. Marty Hatton, the minutes from the December 2017 meeting were approved.

University Update –
Nora Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation that she later emailed to the Administrative Council membership. The presentation included information provided at the recent legislative budget hearings, materials from a webinar she participated in, and details about the university’s FY19 budget development. She mentioned that one of the university’s priorities in the FY19 budget development is a 3% salary pool, which would total about $750,000. Although a possible tuition increase could help fund the 3% salary pool, she said this would require the commitment of the campus to find a balance between having a tuition that is appropriate for our students, continuing to provide academic excellence, and meeting the university’s needs. Ms. Miller also mentioned that a bond bill has been introduced into the legislature that includes The W’s $5.6 million request. The university would use the money for infrastructure updates, such as the demolition of Taylor and Keirn halls, fire panels and electrical updates.

Faculty Senate Update –
Lee Crouse reported that Faculty Senate will discuss proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution at its next meeting on February 9.

Staff Council Update –
Nick Adams said Staff Council plans to work with Faculty Senate on details about faculty/staff housing, and the group also is interested in seeing a change to the medical excuse sign-off.

SGA Update –
Aisha Ghimire said SGA is hosting a student activity fee event on February 28 to help students become more aware of what the student activity fee is for. She also noted that applications for SGA and Hall of Fame are open until February 21.

Policies –
Following a motion by Lee Crouse and second by Dr. Marty Hatton, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 4101 (Guidelines for the Management and Use of MUW Facilities) into the review process.