

5/7/10 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Gary Bouse, Dr. Gloria Bunnell, Dr. Eric Daffron, James Denney, Cassie Derden, Melanie Freeman, Gail Gunter, Dave Haffly, Jessica Harpole, Andrea Holcombe, Dr. Hal Jenkins, Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith, Larry Jones, Dr. Claudia Limbert, Dr. Bill Mayfield, Nora Miller, Tonya Moak, Brandon Newsome, Sirena Parker, Anika Perkins, Dr. Tom Richardson, Suzanne Ries, Mary Margaret Roberts, Sarah Sumners for Robin Holliman, and Dr. Bucky Wesley.

Absent: Dr. Sheila Adams, Lana Allen, Angie Atkins, Dr. Mark Bean, Dr. Suzanne Bean, Lucy Betcher, Roger Busby, Phillip Cockrell, Bryant Cook, Johnnie Sue Cooper, Carol Frazier, Cay Lollar, Kennedy Meaders, Dan Miller, Dr. Bridget Pieschel, Perry Sansing, Eileen Van Der Weele, Dr. Tom Velek, and Sam Wise.

Dr. Claudia Limbert called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

The minutes from the April 2010 meeting were approved.

President's Update –

Dr. Limbert noted that several Administrative Council members were out because they were making final preparations for tomorrow's commencement ceremonies. MUW has more students graduating this year than in previous years.

This will be the last Administrative Council meeting for Dr. Bucky Wesley, Vice President for Student Services, and Dr. Eric Daffron, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. They were commended for their dedicated service to the university.

She hopes to hear soon from Dr. Hank Bounds about who will be the interim president. She will let the campus know as soon as she hears from IHL.

Academic Affairs Update -

Dr. Jenkins said that IHL has approved a new policy concerning the costs of textbooks. Each university is now required to have a policy on campus. This will need to be taken care of during the summer months so that it will be ready in the fall.

A goal has been set to have 50 students in the E-college for this fall. Dr. Bill Mayfield is working hard to make this happen. He has made many visits to community colleges to form relationships.

Finance & Administration Update -

Nora Miller reported that the state tax collections for April were again below the projections. MUW already has been cut 9.5% this fiscal year which should be enough to cover April's shortfall.

The state is waiting to see what federal funds will be available for Medicaid. If the state doesn't get this federal money, there will be more cuts.

MUW continues to meet with MSU about shared services. There will be a meeting next week to talk about running MUW's Banner payroll at MSU by January 2011.

The annual R&R visit to the MUW campus will take place May 25. MUW plans to talk with the legislators about bond bills to continue to fund life issue improvements and about library renovation funds.

Student Services Update –

Dr. Bucky Wesley reported that the admissions numbers for the fall look good. All the numbers point to continuing a slow, steady increase of about 2% for the fall.

His administrative assistant Tawnya Sanders has taken another position, and the new administrative assistant is Rodie Cunningham.

Institutional Advancement Update -

Dr. Gary Bouse said that the next MUW Foundation Board meeting is set for June 3.

The Scholarship Donor Appreciation Dinner is set for October 12. Last year was the first year to have this event.

His office is currently revising the expenditure form. The purpose of the revision is to capture more information about the expenditures.

In preparing for summer camps on campus, he asked that information about all camps be forwarded to Anika Perkins in Public Affairs. That office is working on a cultural offerings web page.

Police Department/Human Resources Update -

No report.

Faculty Senate Update -

Gloria Bunnell, the new Faculty Senate president, noted that Faculty Senate held elections for the new year. The vice president is Johnnie Sue Cooper, and the Secretary is James Roth.

Staff Council Update -

No report.

SGA Update –

Brandon Newsome said SGA recently had its Late Night Study Breakfast. It was well attended, and the students were excited about the trivia competition for the MUW bike that was given away.

Other -

Cassie Derden reminded the group that Dr. Wesley's farewell reception is set for this afternoon from 2-4 p.m. in the Cochran Ball Room.

Policies –

The Administrative Council approved new policy (MUW Council of Chairs) with one change.