

2/3/12 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Sheila Adams, Dr. Brian Anderson, Dr. Jim Borsig, Kate Brown, Jordan Ramsey for Lesia Bryant, Dr. Gloria Bunnell, Dr. E.E. Caston, Dr. Phillip Cockrell, James Denney, Cassie Derden, Melanie Freeman, Gail Gunter, Dave Haffly, Jessica Harpole, Dr. Marty Hatton, Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith, Larry Jones, Kennedy Meaders, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Dan Miller, Sirena Parker, Anika Perkins, Dr. Tom Richardson, Mary Margaret Roberts, Perry Sansing, Lindsey Shelnut, Andrea Stevens, Dr. William Stewart, Kimberly Taylor-Gathings, and Dr. Tom Velek.

Absent: Angie Atkins, Menuka Ban, Lucy Betcher, Dewey Blansett, Dr. Marty Brock, Roger Busby, Nora Miller, Tammy Prather, Lana Robinson, Susan Soblely, and Leander Williams.

Dr. Jim Borsig called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Melanie Freeman and a second by Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith, the minutes from the December 2011 meeting were approved.

University Updates –

Dr. Borsig gave an update on the 2012 legislative session. He attended the IHL House Appropriations Hearing yesterday. It went well, and the legislators seem very supportive. The IHL Presidents feel it would be good if they could be provided with a 4-year funding plan to work with. The Governor's budget calls for a 6% reduction for the universities. This is probably the high-end. He hopes the reduction will be less once the budget has been approved. The legislature is still crafting budget recommendations. The state's economic situation seems to be creeping in the right direction with improved job rate. He expects the main battle this year to be with K-12 funding.

Dr. Borsig also reported that legislation on reciprocity might be passed this session and that we may end up with a bond bill.

Perry Sansing added that MUW has two alumni newly elected to the Mississippi Senate – Sally Doty and Nancy Collins – who will be very helpful. Also, alumna Esther Harrison is still in the House.

Chief Kennedy Meaders asked about the concealed weapon bill, and Dr. Borsig said he doesn't feel it will change. Perry said he and the other IHL attorneys are discussing this issue and how it is important to have consistent policies on all the campuses.

Dr. Borsig also discussed that MSU is proposing a nursing program in Meridian for RN to BSN. Dr. Borsig has been told that the program will not be in Starkville, but MUW will fight the proposal. MUW is in its fifth decade of having a nursing program and has spent many state dollars growing this successful, accredited program. MSU is a land grant institution, not healthcare education. Dr. Borsig has met with MSU President Dr.

Mark Keenum and even discussed the possibility of a partnership. Dr. Borsig now plans to meet with media and others in the Meridian area and has asked alumni in that area for assistance. He and others are working on talking points about the proposal. Once these are ready, he will send them to the campus.

Faculty Senate Update -

Dr. Gloria Bunnell noted that Faculty Senate has completed its report concerning a December graduation. Dr. Caston will take it to Academic Council soon.

A committee is working on course evaluations.

Staff Council Update -

Jessica Harpole said Staff Council is looking at the smoking policy and is working with SGA on this issue.

SGA Update –

In the absence of Leander Williams, Dr. Phillip Cockrell reported that SGA is looking at meal plan options and has developed a survey about food service.

Other Reports –

Larry Jones reported on Academic Technology Committee. The committee has been charged to develop a multi-year plan to support academic technology. They are looking at staffing levels and equipment. The group has talked about student expectations in relation to students' technology experience. They want to find ways to support highly innovative and interactive technology.

Dr. Jennifer Miles announced that EMG has been selected for web development. She is coordinating EMG's first visit to campus. She hopes everyone will have an open mind through this process. Also, the web development position is now vacant. If anyone needs assistance in this area, please email webrequest@muw.edu. The Web Resource Team has been very helpful with the requests that have come through so far.

Anika Perkins noted that the emergency notification system is in place, and she encouraged everyone to sign up. She asked that the group especially encourage students to sign up.

Kate Brown encouraged members to attend the first seminar in the Feed the Fire Leadership Series on Tuesday, February 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Nissan Auditorium. Chris Locurto, lead speaker from the Dave Ramsey Group, will be the featured speaker and the seminar title is *EntreLeadership*, practical wisdom for those interested in developing themselves as leaders and taking your department, group or business to the next level of success. The cost is \$15. The Feed the Fire series is a partnership between the MUW Center for Creative Learning, the LINK, and the Center for Creative Entrepreneurship.

Dave Haffly said a committee is reviewing five proposals for food service. They hope to complete the process in the next two weeks.

Mary Margaret Roberts asked members to send her information for the alumni digest that is emailed to members every 4-6 weeks.

Policies –

Following a motion by Perry Sansing and a second by Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 1304 (Tenure of Faculty) and PS 3525 (Graduate Council) into the review process.

Following a motion by Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith and a second by Mary Margaret Roberts, the Administrative Council voted to approve New Policy (Retention Committee) with changes.

Following a motion by Dr. Sheila Adams and a second by Mary Margaret Roberts, the Administrative Council voted to approve PS 3506 (Academic Advising Corps) with changes.

Following a motion by Kate Brown and a second by Gail Gunter, the Administrative Council voted to approve PS 3516 (Honors College Committee).

Following a motion by Melanie Freeman and a second by Anika Perkins, the Administrative Council voted to cancel PS 5301 (Guidelines for Dealing with AIDS).