

3/2/12 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Sheila Adams, Dr. Brian Anderson, Dewey Blansett, Dr. Jim Borsig, Patricia Brock for Kate Brown, Lesia Bryant, Dr. Gloria Bunnell, Dr. E.E. Caston, James Denney, Cassie Derden, Melanie Freeman, Dave Haffly, Jessica Harpole, Larry Jones, Kennedy Meaders, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Dan Miller, Anika Perkins, Tammy Prather, Dr. Tom Richardson, Susan Soblely, and Kimberly Taylor-Gathings.

Absent: Angie Atkins, Menuka Ban, Lucy Betcher, Dr. Marty Brock, Roger Busby, Dr. Phillip Cockrell, Gail Gunter, Dr. Marty Hatton, Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith, Nora Miller, Sirena Parker, Mary Margaret Roberts, Lana Robinson, Perry Sansing, Lindsey Shelnut, Andrea Stevens, Dr. William Stewart, Dr. Tom Velek, and Leander Williams.

Dr. Jim Borsig called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Dr. Gloria Bunnell and a second by Melanie Freeman, the minutes from the February 2012 meeting were approved with one correction.

University Updates –

Dr. Borsig said he doesn't know anything new about appropriations. All the legislative hearings for IHL have taken place, and the legislators continue to say they are committed to higher education. He believes the cut this year will be around 5%.

The IHL Board will have its first discussion about tuition at the March meeting. The final decision should happen after the state appropriations is finalized. Tuition in Mississippi is low, and MUW is low.

He is optimistic about the bill that will allow MUW to make a recommendation to the Board about reciprocity. The language is open as long as it is fiscally responsible. He thinks the reciprocity will be with joining states.

March 6 is the deadline for new legislation to be introduced. There is not a lot of new legislation this year.

There is no news on bonds yet.

Nursing is not as hot a topic, but it has not gone away. Duplication of programs is really the discussion and that the five existing programs can serve Meridian.

Faculty Senate Update -

Dr. Gloria Bunnell said Faculty Senate has completed the course evaluation review and has presented it to the Chairs. It is something Faculty Senate hopes to have in place this semester. Dr. Sheila Adams requested that it also be sent to the Deans.

Staff Council Update -

Jessica Harpole noted that nominations for Staff Member of the Quarter are requested. Staff Council also is taking nominations for membership. Members are needed in the administrative assistant area.

SGA Update –

No report.

Other –

Dr. Jennifer Miles thanked those who participated in the discussions when EMG was on campus this week. A website has been created to help with the process, and Dr. Kendall Dunkelberg sent a campus email about the clean-up of the current website. Dr. Borsig thanked the website resource team for their extra work.

Policies –

Following a motion by Dr. Sheila Adams and a second by Cassie Derden, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 1307 (Part-time Faculty and Faculty Overloads), PS 1313 (Criteria and Procedures for Faculty Salary Increases), and PS 5501 (ID Cards) into the review process.