

## **6/1/12 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance:** Dr. Sheila Adams, Dr. Jim Borsig, Allegra Brigham, Kate Brown, Jordan Ramsey for Lesia Bryant, Dr. Gloria Bunnell, Dr. Phillip Cockrell, James Denney, Cassie Derden, Melanie Freeman, Gail Gunter, Dr. Marty Hatton, Larry Jones, Dan Miller, Tammy Prather, Perry Sansing, Susan Sobley, Kimberly Taylor Gathings, and Dr. Scott Tollison.

**Absent:** Angie Atkins, Menuka Ban, Jasmine Becton, Lucy Betcher, Dewey Blansett, Dr. Marty Brock, Dr. Everett Caston, Dave Haffly, Jessica Harpole, Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Nora Miller, Sirena Parker, Anika Perkins, Dr. Tom Richardson, Mary Margaret Roberts, Lana Robinson, Lindsey Shelnut, Mary Slater, Andrea Stevens, Dr. William Stewart, Dr. Tom Velek.

Dr. Jim Borsig called the meeting to order.

### **Minutes** -

Following a motion by Perry Sansing and a second by Larry Jones, the minutes from the April 2012 meeting were approved.

### **University Update** –

Dr. Borsig said there will be an additional 1% cut in real dollars for a net 3% cut. The decline likely will continue each year by another 1%.

The state retirement (PERS) for universities was not funded. There was an increase in the employer share in January and will be one in July. They did however fund K12 and community college.

MUW will be revising our business model for next year.

No bond bill was passed. This will delay Phase II for the library. We are not sure if it will delay Shattuck. This is a political disagreement.

Chairman Smith is a strong advocate for higher education.

There is a possibility for a 3-year plan for higher education.

The non-resident tuition waiver was passed for Fall 2013; however, we could have some scholarship flexibility plan for this fall or in place for January. For example, certain areas into Alabama, children of alumni, partial waiver, 2+2, all of these will help retain students by fall but more in-depth for Fall 2013. Kate Brown asked if this would help international student tuition waiver. Dr. Borsig said it does now somewhat.

Increases:

Tuition – 9% -- \$220 per credit hour

Being the lowest in tuition is not necessarily the best place to be. It could be misconstrued with lower quality.

Room -- 3%

Board – 5%

The Board 5% increase will track with the new contract with Sodexo, which will include 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. hours, gray all day plan, Subway, etc.

The 2-year increase was approved – 6% each year.

An Athletics Committee will be named in early June. Is this smart and in our best interests? We will get this started this summer, but we won't look at budgets just yet. By the end of next spring, we will have a full blown report.

Dr. Jennifer Miles is still on leave, but a webmaster has been hired and will begin work July 2. Rich Sobolewski is a MUW graduate and is currently working for a television station. We had two excellent candidates, and the search committee did a great job. Web consultants will have a Survey Monkey questionnaire to go out soon.

The Web Resources Team will receive a memo concerning the need-order to build out pages. Advancement needs to be up toward the top and will help pay to get this going quicker.

SACS – Dr. Borsig thinks we have a terrific QEP outlined. He, Dr. Marty Hatton and others will be heading to Atlanta on Monday, June 4, 2012, for the first mandatory meeting. Dr. Hatton stated that they are in the process of building team structures. There was one training session this past spring and there will be one scheduled in the fall. We have Preferred Consultants, a consultant firm, working with us.

Dr. Borsig commented on 'Dialogue' which is to help with the marketing and 'branding from the core,' what we will say, who do we think we are and why. This should be completed by Thanksgiving.

Enrollment Management – Dr. Miles' next task when she returns will be to hire a firm to help us dig up information.

Dr. Scott Tollison is the new Dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies effective July 1, 2012.

An announcement will be forthcoming soon concerning the Provost position.

**Faculty Senate Update** -

Dr. Bunnell mentioned that April was the last Faculty Senate meeting of the spring semester. This was her last meeting with the Senate as she has completed her two-year tenure. A couple of the highlights of her tenure are there will be a December graduation rather than the recognition ceremony, and the Senate has worked hard on the Faculty Compensation Plan.

They elected officers for 2012-2013:

Marty Brock – Chair

Royal Toy – Vice Chair

Beverly Joyce – Secretary

**Staff Council Update** -

No report.

**SGA Update** –

Menuka Ban is in Washington, D.C. Dr. Phillip Cockrell reported that the SGA Chit Chat Luncheon will be Tuesday of Welcome Week at noon in Pope Banquet Room. He encouraged everyone to attend or at least have a replacement to attend. This is the first introduction of our faculty and staff to our new students and it helps them to make contacts early.

**Policies** –

PS #1307 – Faculty Senate will send changes to Jill for review. This will be sent out by email for vote. Perry Sansing moved to waive the deadline and extend for two weeks until the changes can be made. Dr. Phillip Cockrell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PS #1313 – Director’s Council disapproved the change made by the Faculty Senate. Perry Sansing indicated that we need to vote on the amendment to reinstate the phrase first. Mr. Sansing moved that the Director’s Council proposal that the phrase be reinstated. Susan Soblely seconded. The vote was 7-5 to reinstate the phrase. Then Allegra Brigham made a motion to adopt the policy as now presented. Mr. Sansing seconded. The motion was approved.

PS #5501 –Melanie Freeman moved to accept the policy with the changes. Gail Gunter seconded, and the motion passed. There was some discussion and a consensus that there should be a policy concerning staff salaries. Dan Miller moved to table this discussion until the next meeting. Larry Jones seconded, and the motion was approve. Marty Hatton noted that he would include this recommendation for SACS.