

11/1/13 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Sheila Adams, Dewey Blansett, Dr. Kate Brown, Sirena Cantrell, Trish Caston, Lyndsay Cumberland, James Denney, Melanie Freeman, Maridith Geuder, Gail Gunter, Dave Haffly, Jessica Harpole, Dr. Marty Hatton, Dr. Dan Heimmermann, Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith, Carla Lowery, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Nora Miller, Shelley Moss, Nicole Patrick, Anika Perkins, Tammy Prather, Dr. Tom Richardson, Dr. Monica Riley, Susan Sobley, Dr. Scott Tollison, and Dr. Royal Toy.

In the absence of Dr. Jim Borsig, Dr. Dan Heimmermann called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Maridith Geuder and a second by Dr. Royal Toy, the minutes from the September 2013 meeting were approved.

University Update –

Dr. Heimmermann said that Welty Weekend and the latest Noel-Levitz visit held this past week were both a success. Also, the SACS compliance report is complete. The off-campus review team should meet in Atlanta soon to review MUW's document, and the university should hear something back soon.

August Commencement –

Dr. Heimmermann noted that he has discussed having an August commencement with the various groups on campus. Faculty are only required to attend one ceremony per year. Following a motion by Dr. Royal Toy and a second by Maridith Geuder, the Administrative Council voted in favor of having an August commencement with the first one scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2014.

Academic Calendars –

Dr. Heimmermann announced that he will bring the academic calendars to Administrative Council for approval at the December meeting. The calendars will include having three intersessions per year. The first intersession will take place in May 2014. It will last for 10 days with each course lasting three hours and 45 minutes per day. Students and faculty will be limited to one course per intersession. Dr. Heimmermann's hope is that the courses taught will be innovative. He knows there will be details to work out.

Faculty Senate Update -

Dr. Royal Toy reported that Faculty Senate discussed councils and committees, campus beautification, and faculty housing at its recent meeting.

Staff Council Update -

Trish Caston said Staff Council is sponsoring the collection of Thanksgiving baskets with the goal of 50 baskets delivered on November 25. She and Patti Davis recently attended the Mississippi Association of Staff Councils meeting.

SGA Update –

No report.

Policies –

On a motion by Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith and a second by Dr. Royal Toy, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 7601 (Solicitation and Fundraising, Students/Student Organizations) into the review process.

On a motion by Dr. Tom Richardson and a second by Melanie Freeman, the Administrative Council voted to accept New Policy (Definition of a Credit Hour) into the review process.