

10/3/14 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Sheila Adams, LeAnn Alexander, Dr. Jim Borsig, Cheryl Bowen, Wesley Garrett for Dr. Marty Brock, Dr. Kate Brown, Sirena Cantrell, Trish Caston, Karen Clay, James Denney, Melanie Freeman, Maridith Geuder, Jessica Harpole, Alan Johnson, Jim Jones, Carla Lowery, Sade Meeks, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Nora Miller, Nicole Patrick, Danny Patton, Anika Perkins, Dr. Tom Richardson, Susan Soble, Rich Sobolewski, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Dr. Kimberly Dorsey for Dr. Royal Toy, Dr. Kim Whitehead, and Ken Widner.

Dr. Jim Borsig called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Maridith Geuder and a second by Danny Patton, the minutes from the September 2014 meeting were approved.

University Update –

Dr. Borsig reminded the group that MUW will host the MAC Conference October 5-7. We will have approximately 200 colleagues from the 2- and 4-year, public and private colleges, and most of these will be from the community colleges. He asked that the campus be helpful to these guests. He also invited the Administrative Council members to attend the MAC fish fry on Monday, October 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Riverwalk. If they plan to attend, they should let Jill O'Bryant know.

Dr. Borsig and Nora Miller attended an IHL meeting about the funding formula earlier this week. Dr. Borsig feels the bottom line is IHL wants to make sure all eight universities have adequate funding. He said the funding formula is under review, but he is not sure when the review will end. The IHL Board acknowledges that there are fewer high school students, fewer community college transfer students and fewer well-prepared students. We have to continue to manage costs and recruit and retain students. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for October 15.

Dr. Borsig attended IHL's legislative budget hearing on Wednesday of this week. He said there were a lot of questions about student financial aid, and there was a discussion of pushing more students to the community colleges because of lower tuition costs. Dr. Borsig does not feel there will be a great deal of new money next year, so it continues to be important that we be financially prudent.

He noted that the university soon will issue its new guidelines on Title IX. He said it is important that the university step up its efforts in addressing risky behavior, and we have to focus on all students, not just those who live in the residence halls. Everything needs to be reported. In early 2015, he will name a group to address community.

Dr. Borsig said employees who use tobacco will have to pay \$50 more per month for state health insurance.

Policy Process –

Karen Clay reported that she will continue to work this month on the revisions to PS 1000. She is going to look into putting all of the academic policies under the Provost. She also suggests more work be done at the beginning of the review process by the stakeholders. If any Administrative Council members are interested in helping with the revision of the policy process, they should contact Ms. Clay.

Faculty Senate Update –

In the absence of Dr. Royal Toy, Dr. Kimberly Dorsey said Faculty senate has formed a committee to discuss the faculty/staff apartments. She also mentioned there has been an upsurge in faculty participation in research and conference attendance.

Staff Council Update –

On behalf of Staff Council, Tyler Wheat reported that Staff Council has updated its webpage that includes a forum for staff.

SGA Update –

Sade Meeks said that SGA is implementing the It's On Us Campaign that encourages bystanders to help when a sexual assault occurs. Pledge week is set for the week of October 20 in which students can sign the It's On Us Pledge. Ms. Meeks also mentioned that the next President's Council meeting is set for October 15.

Policies –

On a motion by Dr. Sheila Adams and a second by Carla Lowery, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 3546 (Enrollment Management Council) into the review process. This policy will go through an expedited 30-day review at the request of Dr. Borsig.