

12/5/14 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Sheila Adams, Dr. Brian Anderson, LeAnn Alexander, Dewey Blansett, Dr. Jim Borsig, Dr. Marty Brock, Dr. David Brooking, Dr. Kate Brown, Sirena Cantrell, Trish Caston, Karen Clay, James Denney, Maridith Geuder, Gail Gunter, Dave Haffly, Jessica Harpole, Dr. Marty Hatton, Alan Johnson, Carla Lowery, Sade Meeks, Dr. Jenny Miles, Nora Miller, Shelley Moss, Nicole Patrick, Danny Patton, Anika Perkins, Dr. Tom Richardson, Lana Robinson, Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith, Rich Sobolewski, Susan Sobley, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Royal Toy, Dr. Kim Whitehead, and Ken Widner.

Dr. Jim Borsig called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Rich Sobolewski, the minutes from the November 2014 meeting were approved.

University Update –

Dr. Borsig called on Andrea Stevens to speak about Wassail at The W, which is tonight in Pohl Gym. Faculty, staff and students are invited at 7 p.m., and it is open to the public at 8 p.m. Angie Atkins and her staff and Angela Ferraez have done a great job decorating. There will be many fun activities so it promises to be a great evening.

Dr. Borsig reported that Governor Phil Bryant is the speaker for December Commencement, which is set for Friday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. in Rent Auditorium.

He said the IHL Board plans for salary increases to be its only legislative request.

Dr. Borsig noted that he feels there will be a public announcement next week about our SACS reaffirmation. Following the SACS announcement, the university will begin working ahead on its fifth-year interim review.

With this being the final Administrative Council meeting of 2014, Dr. Borsig thanked the group for its hard work in the fall 2014 semester. He asked the members to encourage local legislators to support higher education in the upcoming legislative session.

Faculty Senate Update –

Dr. Royal Toy reported that Faculty Senate has formed two ad hoc committees to look at faculty/staff housing and faculty salaries.

Staff Council Update –

Trish Caston said 35 Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to those in need, and she thanked all those who participated.

SGA Update –

Sade Meeks said SGA is working with Dr. David Brooking on MUW's Finish in Four campaign. MUW's theme will be 640 days. Nicole Patrick from Financial Aid will speak in the spring semester about the financial aid impact of finishing a degree in four years.

Academic Calendars –

Administrative Council members received electronic copies of the proposed academic calendars for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. Dr. Marty Hatton reviewed the changes which include making the dates for students to apply for a degree earlier to allow for more timely reporting to IHL, adjusting the preferred time period to apply for graduation to encourage students to apply early and allow time for the Registrar's Office to do degree audits, adding in no-show report dates, and adding in dates for pre-registration. For the 2016-17 calendars, students will be required to turn in all transcripts from other institutions before applying for graduation. This will encourage students to finish their last semester at MUW. No Administrative Council members voiced any concerns about the proposed calendars.

Other –

Anika Perkins requested that professors let University Relations know when they are planning engaged learning in their classrooms so photos and videos can be taken.

Gail Gunter reported that the temporary entrance to the library has been moved again as renovation to the library continues.