

2/6/15 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Sheila Adams, LeAnn Alexander, Dr. Brian Anderson, Cheryl Bowen, Dr. Marty Brock, Dr. David Brooking, Dr. Kate Brown, Tyler Wheat for Trish Caston, Karen Clay, James Denney, Melanie Freeman, Maridith Geuder, Gail Gunter, Dave Haffly, Jessica Harpole, Dr. Marty Hatton, Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith, Carla Lowery, Austin Rayford for Sade Meeks, Dr. Jenny Miles, Nora Miller, Shelley Moss, Nicole Patrick, Danny Patton, Anika Perkins, Dr. Tom Richardson, Susan Sobley, Rich Sobolewski, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Dr. Royal Toy, and Ken Widner.

In the absence of Dr. Jim Borsig, Dr. Tom Richardson called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Maridith Geuder and a second by Anika Perkins, the minutes from the December 2014 meeting were approved.

University Update –

Nora Miller gave an update on legislative matters. She said several legislative bills she has been watching died this week. She believes the legislature understands the need for the faculty and staff salary increases, but there has not been a commitment yet. In news about the bond bill, Ms. Miller feels confident that the third phase of the library will be approved.

Faculty Senate Update –

Dr. Royal Toy reported that the Faculty Senates at the Mississippi institutions are working on making a system Faculty Senate organization.

Staff Council Update –

In the absence of Trish Caston, Tyler Wheat noted that the Staff Council will have its first meeting of the semester later this month.

SGA Update –

In the absence of Sade Meeks, Austin Rayford said SGA is launching a program with Sodexo to have special foods once a month. SGA is planning a Finish in Four video to promote the campaign. He said Sodexo and SGA are jointly planning a survey party to get feedback about dining services. SGA is trying to boost participation in the NESE and CLA surveys. He also noted that the next President's Council meeting is set for February 11.

New Proposed Policy Process –

Karen Clay distributed a handout about the proposed new policy process. The main differences are that the process will be overseen by the Provost Office, that stakeholders will be consulted about policies before being presented to Administrative Council for acceptance into the review process, and there will be a 30-day open review. She hopes SharePoint can be used for the review process. Ms. Clay also noted that the new proposed

review process should come before Administrative Council next month in the form of a policy to be accepted into the review process.

Policies –

On a motion by Dr. Royal Toy and a second by Shelley Moss, PS 3526 (Academic Calendar Committee) was accepted into the review process.

On a motion by Dr. Royal Toy and a second by Dr. Marty Brock, PS 3543 (Graduate Student Scholastic Appeals Committee) was accepted into the review process.

Other –

Dr. Kate Brown noted that there will be an outreach showcase during Homecoming 2015. If Administrative Council members know of programs that should be included in the showcase, they should share the information with her by February 12.