

## **12/4/15 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance:** LeAnn Alexander, Dr. Brian Anderson, Dewey Blansett, Cheryl Bowen, Dr. David Brooking, Sirena Cantrell, Karen Clay, Cathy Smith for Lee Crouse, James Denney, Lynn Dobbs, Melanie Freeman, Maridith Geuder, Rodney Godfrey, Dave Haffly, Dr. Marty Hatton, Quincy Hughes, Melinda Lowe, Lisa McDaniel, Nora Miller, Andrew Money maker, Iika McCarter for Shelley Moss, Danny Patton, Anika Perkins, Dr. Tom Richardson, Susan Sobley, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Dr. Kim Whitehead, Ken Widner, and Tyler Wheat.

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

### **Minutes** -

Following a motion by Nora Miller and a second by Danny Patton, the minutes from the November 2015 meeting were approved.

### **University Update** –

Dr. Richardson reported that Dr. Borsig is in Houston, TX, at the SACS annual meeting.

He reminded the group that Wassail Fest is set for tonight. The activities in Downtown Columbus are from 5-8 p.m. Wassail at The W begins at 8 p.m. in Pohl Gym, but MUW employees and their families are invited to come at 7 p.m. Andrea Stevens added that a lot of hard work has gone into this event. It will include a lot of great activities, and it is free.

Dr. Richardson also noted that the Holiday Choral Concert will be held tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in Poindexter.

He said December Commencement is scheduled for next Friday, December 11 at 2 p.m. in Rent Auditorium. The speaker will be Marshall Ramsey.

Another event Dr. Richardson mentioned was the Spring 2016 Faculty/Staff Convocation. It is set for Monday, January 11 at 8:30 a.m. in Nissan Auditorium.

He also noted that yesterday's Mississippi Hall of Master Teachers event was great.

Nora Miller reported that the Legislative Budget Recommendation is expected in the next couple of weeks. She also said that sales tax revenues are lagging and the general fund collections are behind so we should see a 1-2% budget cut.

Ms. Miller also reported that the library furniture will be delivered starting December 14.

Dave Haffly thanked everyone for participating in the campus lockdown drill on November 24. Most buildings were secure in 1.5 to 3 minutes. He will send out a document with feedback from the departments soon, and the university will plan to do another drill.

**Faculty Senate Update** –

In the absence of Lee Crouse, Cathy Smith reported that the next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for today at 12:15 p.m.

**Staff Council Update** –

Tyler Wheat thanked everyone for participating in the Thanksgiving basket drive. 33 baskets were donated. He said the Staff Recognition Luncheon and Meeting is set for Thursday, December 10 at 11:30 a.m. in Pope Banquet Room. He also noted that MASCO representatives met with the IHL Chief Financial Officers and Chief Academic Officers in November and the groups seemed to open to exploring the shared tuition program for faculty and staff.

**SGA Update** –

Quincy Hughes said the student event in November to discuss the state flag went well. Another event will be planned in the spring to discuss how to change legislation about the flag. He also thanked the Administrative Council members for their support of SGA.

**Policies** –

Following a motion by Melanie Freeman and a second by Dr. Marty Hatton, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 3301 (Allocation and Use of Information Technology Resources) into the review process.

Following a motion by Maridith Geuder and a second by Karen Clay, the Administrative Council voted to recommend Dr. Borsig approve changes to PS 3538 (Planning and Institutional Effectiveness).