

8/5/16 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Sheila Adams, LeAnn Alexander, Dr. Brian Anderson, Dewey Blansett, Dr. Jim Borsig, Dr. David Brooking, Sirena Cantrell, Karen Clay, Lee Crouse, Lynn Dobbs, Wesley Garrett, Maridith Geuder, Rodney Godfrey, Dave Haffly, Dr. Marty Hatton, Kimone Holtzman, Quincy Hughes, Melinda Lowe, Carla Lowery, Lisa McDaniel, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Nora Miller, Andrew Moneymaker, Shelley Moss, Megan Smith for Nicole Patrick, Danny Patton, Amanda Clay Powers, Dr. Tom Richardson, Rita Robinson, Ginger Smith, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Jason Trufant, Dr. Kim Whitehead, Ken Widner, and Tyler Wheat.

Dr. Jim Borsig called the meeting to order and welcomed new members Wesley Garrett, Jason Trufant, Amanda Clay Powers and Ginger Smith.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Carla Lowery and a second by Dr. Sheila Adams, the minutes from the May 2016 meeting were approved.

University Update –

Dr. Borsig said the university had to make permanent in FY17 last year's budget cut, and he noted that the state's revenue is already off by 1%. The university will be paying close attention to state revenues. A state legislative task force has been created to look at state revenues and expenses. Included in the higher education review will be salaries, travel and teaching loads. Dr. Borsig said that the only revenue The W can really control is tuition revenue through stable enrollment. Dr. Borsig noted that the university has increased scholarships, increased retention efforts with the rebuild of the Student Success Center, and improved the university's competitive edge with curriculum and program changes and campus physical improvements. The final piece is the addition of athletics, which will grow enrollment of traditional-age students. He said the university is going to protect these investments. He also noted IHL's recent report on low-enrolled/low productivity programs and that The W has 25% of the programs on the "Top 10" list. Dr. Borsig concluded by saying he is confident The W will continue to have stable enrollment and that there are many great things to be reported at Fall Convocation such as the university's number of degrees awarded for AY15 going from a high of 860 to 864 in AY16. He also congratulated everyone for the university being named for the fourth year in a row to the Great Colleges to Work For list.

Faculty Senate Update –

No report.

Staff Council Update –

Tyler Wheat said several new members have been added to Staff Council.

SGA Update –

Quincy Hughes reported that the SGA is working on the calendar for 2016-17. Their plans include polling the students concerning the student activity fee, increasing SGA

initiatives and helping students affected by plagiarism. The first President's Council meeting is set for September 14.

Other –

Andrew Moneymaker distributed a campus map to show the flow of traffic for Move-In Day, which is set for Saturday, August 20. He said the university began receiving international students yesterday.

Kimone Simmons distributed the Blues Week calendar and encouraged Administrative Council members to participate. She said a volunteer meeting for Move-In Day is set for August 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cochran Limbert Assembly Room.

Jason Trufant announced that The W will field six sports in the fall of 2017 – softball, baseball, men's soccer, volleyball, and men's and women's cross country. Four of those coaching positions have been posted, and he said inquiries from both interested coaches and athletes have increased. He also noted that the university has contracted with a national branding company to assist the university with athletic marks.

Ms. Powers reported that the library staff will begin moving a section of the library to a different area to prepare for phase 3 of the library renovation.

Carla Lowery thanked the Administrative Council membership for their work on the assessment plans and said her office is available to assist those still working to complete their plans. She also noted that the portal is being redesigned and a mobile app will be added.

Policies –

Following a motion by Maridith Geuder and a second by Dr. Marty Hatton, the Administrative Council voted to recommend to Dr. Borsig approval of New Policy – Administrative Guidelines for the Appointment of Advisory Board as amended by Academic Council.