

## **9/2/16 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance:** LeAnn Alexander, Dr. Brian Anderson, Angie Atkins, Dr. David Brooking, Sirena Cantrell, Karen Clay, Lee Crouse, James Denney, Lynn Dobbs, Melanie Freeman, Wesley Garrett, Rodney Godfrey, Dave Haffly, Kendall Robertson for Jessica Harpole, Quincy Hughes, Melinda Lowe, Lisa McDaniel, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Nora Miller, Andrew Money maker, Shelley Moss, Nicole Patrick, Danny Patton, Amanda Clay Powers, Dr. Tom Richardson, Ginger Smith, Susan Sobley, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Jason Trufant, and Ken Widner.

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

### **Minutes** -

Following a motion by Shelley Moss and a second by James Denney, the minutes from the August 2016 meeting were approved with two corrections.

### **University Update** –

Dr. Richardson thanked the membership for their contributions to helping recruit and retain students for this fall. He said that enrollment will be announced next week after Day 10 of classes and that the numbers look positive.

He noted that The W has been recognized for the fifth year in a row by Washington Monthly, this time with the added distinction of being named a “Best Bang for the Buck.”

Dr. Richardson reminded the group that there will be an emergency drill on September 8 with Lowndes County emergency agencies. It will include a lockdown drill with an active shooter. Nora Miller added that the plan is to make the drill as least disruptive to classes as possible. Emails will go out early next week with additional information.

Dr. Richardson announced that the university will kick off the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the university’s desegregation on September 15 with a convocation at 10:00 a.m. in Rent Auditorium followed by other events throughout the day and evening. He said classes would not be canceled, but he encouraged attendance. A schedule of events will go out next week.

Ms. Miller reported that the Legislature has formed budget working groups that may replace traditional budget hearings. She said one group is on Higher Education and will meet next week to focus on personnel.

Andrea Stevens announced that the faculty/staff giving campaign that goes through the end of the month is going well. She encouraged the membership to make a contribution no matter how small.

### **Faculty Senate Update** –

Lee Crouse said the first Faculty Senate meeting for the fall semester is set for next week.

**Staff Council Update** –

No report.

**SGA Update** –

Quincy Hughes reported that SGA had its first meeting of the fall semester last week and worked on the details for SGA Week that is set for September 19-23. He hopes that the senators will be elected by then.

**Weapons Policy Update** –

Karen Clay noted that the President appointed a task force to look at changes to IHL policy on weapons and make appropriate changes to the university's policy. The group was tasked with identifying areas on campus that visitors can have a concealed weapon if they have a special permit. These areas are considered non-sensitive areas. She read a list of both the sensitive and non-sensitive areas on campus. Ms. Clay added that an exception is if an event is a ticketed event.

**Policies** –

Following a motion by Lee Crouse and a second by Shelley Moss, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 3546 (Enrollment Management Council), New Policy (University Housing Committee), and New Policy (Faculty Housing Policy) into the review process.