

## **10/7/16 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance:** Dr. Sheila Adams, Dr. Brian Anderson, Angie Atkins, Sirena Cantrell, Karen Clay, Lee Crouse, James Denney, Lynn Dobbs, Melanie Freeman, Wesley Garrett, Rodney Godfrey, Dave Haffly, Kendall Robertson for Jessica Harpole, Dr. Marty Hatton, Quincy Hughes, Carla Lowery, Lisa McDaniel, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Andrew MoneyMaker, Shelley Moss, Megan Smith for Nicole Patrick, Danny Patton, Anika Perkins, Amanda Clay Powers, Dr. Tom Richardson, Rita Robinson, Ginger Smith, Dr. Scott Tollison, Jason Trufant, Dr. Kim Whitehead, Ken Widner, and Tyler Wheat.

Dr. Jim Borsig called the meeting to order.

### **Minutes** -

Following a motion by Lee Crouse and a second by Carla Lowery, the minutes from the September 2016 meeting were approved.

### **University Update** –

Dr. Borsig noted that the university has had a great start to the Fall 2016 semester, and he said he was particularly pleased with the Those Who Dared events held in September.

Dr. Borsig said October 7 was the last day of legislative budget hearings, and he noted that this year is the first year he can remember IHL not having a hearing. Although IHL did not have a hearing, he said the system received many questions and that it has been time consuming gathering the information. He read a list of requested information. He feels the most serious conversations are about out-of-state tuition waivers and hiring retirees because of the stability of the state retirement system. Dr. Borsig noted that the university can manage the 1.8% higher education budget cut announced by the governor due to an accounting error. Although the governor has indicated there will not be any more cuts this year, Dr. Borsig said the university needs to be conservative and to continue to find ways to be more efficient and to grow tuition dollars. He said the university will continue to support growing academic programs, and he feels athletics also will help grow enrollment.

In the area of accreditation, Dr. Borsig reported that SACS is planning a review of institutions with low graduation rates and/or high loan default rates, and he also said there is currently no national accreditor for teacher education.

Dr. Borsig said he would like the university to do a review of the organizational structure. This will include all areas except for the academic colleges. He has asked Carla Lowery to lead the review. The purpose of the review, he said, is to make sure the university is effective and efficient. This review will include the review of student life, student organizations, and student services. He said data will be reviewed to determine if student organizations are contributing to graduating and retaining students.

Dr. Borsig announced that members of the Financial Sustainability Committee will be named soon. The purpose of this committee is to get a broader understanding of the financial workings of the university.

**Faculty Senate Update** –

Lee Crouse announced the next Faculty Senate meeting is set for October 14.

**Staff Council Update** –

Tyler Wheat said the next Staff Council meeting will be held October 12.

**SGA Update** –

Quincy Hughes reported the proposed \$5 student activity fee did not pass a recent student vote, the SGA presidents will meet with IHL on October 20, and SGA will partner with various offices on campus to collaborate on services.