

12/2/16 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Sheila Adams, LeAnn Alexander, Dr. Brian Anderson, Angie Atkins, Dr. David Brooking, Sirena Cantrell, Karen Clay, Lee Crouse, James Denney, Lynn Dobbs, Melanie Freeman, Maridith Geuder, Rodney Godfrey, Dave Haffly, Jessica Harpole, Quincy Hughes, Melinda Lowe, Carla Lowery, Lisa McDaniel, Nora Miller, Andrew Money maker, Shelley Moss, Nicole Patrick, Anika Perkins, Ginger Smith, Susan Soble y, Dr. Scott Tollison, Jason Trufant, Dr. Kim Whitehead, and Tyler Wheat.

In the absence of Dr. Jim Borsig, Nora Miller called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Maridith Geuder and a second by LeAnn Alexander, the minutes from the October 2016 meeting were approved with one correction.

University Update –

Ms. Miller reminded the group that State Economist Darrin Webb spoke on campus recently and gave some reassurance that state tax collections are picking up. She reported that the governor's budget recommendation has come out and it cuts most state agencies, including IHL, by 1.8%. She said the consensus is that the legislative budget recommendation will be close to the governor's recommendation.

Ms. Miller said GCA, who was awarded the university's facility contract that will begin January 1, 2017, will have a transition team on campus beginning today.

Ms. Miller gave an update on several construction projects. She noted that the robot is about to go into motion in the library. There is also some work being done on the handicap ramp in front of the library, and January 15, 2017 will start the next phase of construction at the library. She said Pryor & Morrow is working on the construction documents for the Dem School renovation and then it will go to bid in late spring. The new culinary building is in the design phase. An addition will be done to the physical plant warehouse so that department can get completely out of Barrow School.

She also noted an email that went out recently about not feeding feral animals on campus. She said animal control recently put out crates to capture the animals but the crates have been vandalized. An email will go out about this soon.

Faculty Senate Update –

Lee Crouse said the next Faculty Senate meeting will be in February 2017.

Staff Council Update –

Tyler Wheat encouraged staff to attend the Staff Recognition Luncheon and Meeting on December 8 and to bring a toy for the Salvation Army toy drive. He also reported that almost 50 Thanksgiving baskets were donated.

SGA Update –

Quincy Hughes said SGA has its final meeting of the semester next week.

Other Updates –

Rodney Godfrey reported that there will be a significant router upgrade in January. IT hopes to minimize interruptions to the campus. He will send a campus email about this soon.

Karen Clay noted that the new FLSA exemption status is on hold due to a court order. Employees who anticipated becoming non-exempt and have been asked to record actual hours worked will need to continue to do so.

Lynn Dobbs reminded the group that there will be a short turn-around time between exams and the end of the semester. She asked that all professors be encouraged to get grades turned in on time.

Melinda Lowe said the Project CHEW truck will be at Wassail Fest.

Maridith Geuder reminded the group of the Town & Tower luncheon set for today.

Policies –

Following a motion by Sirena Cantrell and a second by Shelley Moss, the Administrative Council recommended that the President approve PS 3546 (Enrollment Management Council) with some changes from the review bodies.

Following a motion by Melanie Freeman and second by Susan Soblely, the Administrative Council recommended that the President disapprove New Policy (University Housing Committee) to allow for further review.

Following a motion by James Denney and second by Quincy Hughes, the Administrative Council recommended that the President disapprove New Policy (MUW University Apartments) to allow for further review.