

4/6/18 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Nick Adams, Dr. Sheila Adams, LeAnn Alexander, Dr. Brian Anderson, Angie Atkins, Dr. David Brooking, Sirena Cantrell, Karen Clay, Lee Crouse, Lynn Dobbs, Sharon Foster, Aisha Ghimire, Rodney Godfrey, Dave Haffly, Dr. Amber Handy, Jessica Harpole, Dr. Marty Hatton, Dr. Holly Krogh, Carla Lowery, Lisa McDaniel, Dr. Jennifer Miles, Andrew Moneymaker, Shelley Moss, Nicole Patrick, Anika Perkins, Amanda Powers, Ginger Smith, Susan Sobley, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Jason Trufant, Randy Vibrock, Dr. Kim Whitehead, and Ken Widner

Dr. Jim Borsig called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Carla Lowery and a second by Dr. Sheila Adams, the minutes from the March 2018 meeting were approved.

University Update –

Dr. Borsig said House Bill 1083 on weapons did not go to conference, but the issue isn't over. He said he appreciated the work of Senator Briggs Hopkins who authored a Senate bill that would have given the IHL Board the authority to set policy about weapons for the IHL system. The Senate bill also didn't make it to conference, but Dr. Borsig believes IHL will use it as a basis to standardize the practices at the eight public universities.

Dr. Borsig noted that Nora Miller was not able to attend today's meeting due to another meeting off campus, but he reported for her about the budget. Budget requests were due to Deans/Supervising cabinet members last month. Budget managers have been, or will be, meeting with their budget managers between now and next Friday to review and discuss budget requests and projected revenues. All of this is due to University Accounting next Friday. The university will not be able to complete revenue projections until after the April Board meeting. At that time, the university's allocation of the appropriations will be known and what the approved tuition rate will be. The university remains committed to establishing a pool for raises, but that will be dependent on projected revenue and the ability of that revenue and reallocation of resources to cover budget priorities, including raises.

Dr. Borsig reported that the university submitted a request to the IHL Board for a 5% tuition increase, to eliminate the non-residency fee and to have a flat tuition rate for both the MBA and the RN-BSN programs. He said he believes the IHL Board will approve these requests at its April meeting.

Dr. Borsig also reported for Ms. Miller about campus lighting. At the university's request, Mayor Robert Smith has had Columbus Light and Water replace existing street lamps along 15th Street South with much brighter LED lamps. The university has asked that this also be done in the areas down 11th Street South and around Education and Human Sciences, Pohl, Cromwell and the University Apartments.

Faculty Senate Update –

Lee Crouse said Faculty Senate will vote on changes to its constitution and vote on officers for the next academic year at its April meeting.

Staff Council Update –

Nick Adams announced that Staff Council is working on plans for the Spring Staff Appreciation Luncheon that is set for May 18, and he reported that Lola Wilson has been named the first Owl Star Staff Award winner for 2018.

SGA Update –

Aisha Ghimire said SGA is holding a SGA Executive Board re-election due to election code violations, and she mentioned the Leadership Summit planned for April 20.

Policies –

Following a motion by Carla Lowery and a second by Dr. Sheila Adams, the Administrative Council voted to recommend Dr. Borsig approve changes to PS 4101 (Guidelines for the Management and Use of MUW Facilities).

Following a motion by Karen Clay and second by Amanda Powers, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 4102 (Guidelines for the Use of Plymouth Bluff) into the review process.