

11/1/19 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Brian Anderson, Angie Atkins, Alonzo Bouldin, Dr. Marty Brock, Claudia McDavis for Dr. David Brooking, Aaron Brooks, Ashley Chisolm, Karen Clay, Lynn Dobbs, Mark Ellard, Rodney Godfrey, Dr. Amber Handy, Jessica Harpole, Erinn Holloway, Jody Kennedy, Melinda Lowe, Carla Lowery, Penny Mansell, Iika McCarter, Dr. Tammie McCoy, Dr. Jenny Miles, John Jacob Miller, Nora Miller, Andrew MoneyMaker, Nicole Patrick, Anika Perkins, Amanda Clay Powers, Laura Quinn, Dr. Maria Scott, Ginger Smith, Susan Sobley, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Jason Trufant, and Ken Widner

President Nora Miller called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Amanda Clay Powers and a second by Dr. Tammie McCoy, the minutes from the October 2019 meeting were approved.

University Update –

President Miller explained that there may be some backlash about the IHL Board's controversial appointment of Dr. Glenn Boyce as the new chancellor at Ole Miss. She said it is possible legislation may be introduced to dissolve the IHL Board. Although some may think it would be beneficial for each university to have its own board, President Miller said we are stronger as a system and the smaller universities like The W would be at a disadvantage if there were separate boards. She asked the Administrative Council members to please educate people they hear talking about this issue.

President Miller mentioned that today is the final day for fall enrollment numbers. She said IHL plans to release the system enrollment figures next Friday, November 8.

Faculty Senate Update –

Ashley Chisolm said there is \$5,050 of the beginning balance of \$8,000 left in Fund A and \$1,600 of the beginning balance of \$3,000 left in Fund B for faculty travel to conferences. She noted that Faculty Senate's next meeting is set for November 8 and that it's important for the senators to send a proxy when they can't attend a meeting because there wasn't a quorum at the last meeting.

Staff Council Update –

Alonzo Bouldin reported that Chief Randy Vibrock will attend the next Staff Council meeting on November 6 to give a safety update. He also noted that there are two vacancies on Staff Council.

SGA Update –

John Jacob Miller noted that SGA has been busy the past month, including dealing with some areas of concern raised by students:

- Some groups think the new signage for bathrooms on campus isn't inclusive. He has met with Karen Clay and Anika Perkins, co-diversity officers, to work through this issue.
- There are also concerns that there is a lack of diversity with faculty, and he met with Ms. Clay and Ms. Perkins about this.
- Some international students had some concerns, and they met with Shelley Moss and Iika McCarter who helped clarify information.
- There has been interest from students in past years about changing the university's name to something more inclusive. Because the interest has increased this year, SGA did a student poll on this topic. The poll closes November 4. He said SGA has not taken a stance on this issue.
- SGA voted to change Miss MUW and Mr. Henry L. Whitfield to Miss MUW and Mr. MUW. Also, these awards will now be voted on by students after nominations are received from faculty and staff.
- There were some safety concerns about Night Owls, but the concerns were addressed by Chief Randy Vibrock before Mr. Miller brought them up to him.

Other Updates –

Ms. Powers said that NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) kicked off with a celebration on October 29. Events continue through December 2.

Carla Lowery announced that required online cyber training will start soon.

Ms. Clay said The W will have a Veteran's Day program on November 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Pioneers Plaza (rain location – Carrier Chapel) to celebrate all veterans in the campus community.

Ms. Clay also noted that no nominations have been received for the diversity awards. She encouraged the Administrative Council members to make nominations.

Jason Trufant reported that the men's and women's soccer teams and the men's cross country team and two women from the women's cross country team will compete in the USCAA National Championships next week. He also noted that the women's and men's basketball teams will have a Blue and White Night on November 6.

President Miller encouraged the Administrative Council membership to attend the "No Exit" theatre performance and the Beegie Adair jazz performance next week.

Dr. McCoy mentioned that 250 high school students will be on campus November 14 for the Navigating Nursing and Health Sciences Conference.

Andrea Stevens asked the Administrative Council members to help her office encourage students who have received Foundation scholarships to attend the Scholarships Donor Luncheon on November 8.