

12/6/19 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Brian Anderson, Angie Atkins, 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, Dr. Marty Hatton, Erinn Holloway, Jody Kennedy, Melinda Lowe, Carla Lowery, Iika McCarter, Dr. Tammie McCoy, Dr. Jenny Miles, Nora Miller, Jennifer Moore, Andrew Moneymaker, Anika Perkins, Amanda Clay Powers, Laura Quinn, Ginger Smith, Susan Sobley, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Dr. Kim Whitehead, and Ken Widner

President Nora Miller called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Mark Ellard and a second by Dr. Tammie McCoy, the minutes from the November 2019 meeting were approved.

University Update –

President Miller noted that she and Karen Clay attended a session in Jackson earlier in the week titled “Turning Brain Drain into Brain Gain: Retaining Mississippi’s Talent” that was organized by Speaker Phillip Gunn. She said it was encouraging to hear Mississippi’s state leaders are thinking about the benefits of higher education and not just pushing factory jobs. She said it wasn’t well-attended, but she hopes they will keep these conversations going.

President Miller mentioned that incoming representative Dana McLean visited campus this week and was very interested in the university.

President Miller said she attended some of the Honors Forum and the Chorale Concert last night, and she encouraged the Administrative Council members to attend the Holiday Extravaganza tonight.

Faculty Senate Update –

Ashley Chisolm said there is still money left in Fund A and Fund B for faculty travel to conferences. She asked the Administrative Council members to encourage faculty members to apply. She also noted that Faculty Senate’s next meeting is set for February 14. Because the March and April meetings would fall on holidays, she said the Faculty Senate voted to hold those meetings on March 20 and April 17.

Staff Council Update –

In the absence of Alonzo Bouldin, President Miller reported that she met with Jessica McDill and Glen Halbert from Staff Council earlier in the week. They talked about the current toy drive for the Salvation Army and the great response for the recent Thanksgiving baskets.

SGA Update –

In the absence of John Jacob Miller, President Miller noted that SGA recently conducted a student poll about the university's name due to increased interest in this topic this year. She said about 2,500 students had the opportunity to vote and over 2,000 students responded. 41% voted that the university's name should be changed, 35% voted that the name should remain the same, and 24% said they don't have an opinion. President Miller said SGA plans to hold some education sessions in the spring about the history of university and its name changes and then hold another vote in late spring in which students will only be given the options to vote for or against a name change. "No opinion" will not be an option.

Other Updates –

Ms. Clay reminded the Administrative Council members that December 6 is the deadline to make nominations for the diversity awards. She also noted that diversity webinars are planned for January 22 (on faculty/staff search committees) and January 23 (on retaining faculty/staff talent) in the Library's tiered classroom.

Dr. Tammie McCoy pointed out that a statement about the February 24-26, 2020 Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education accreditation visit at The W was on the back of today's agenda. She said the university is required to notify the community about the upcoming visit and allow for public comment.

Amanda Clay Powers said technology in the Library's tiered classroom will be installed soon.

Policies –

Following a motion by Dr. Tammie McCoy and second by Dr. Marty Hatton, the Administrative Council voted to recommend President Miller approve the editorial changes to PS 3525 (Graduate Council).

Following a motion by Dr. Marty Hatton and second by Dr. Tammie McCoy, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 3523 (Academic Grievances Committee), PS 7101 (Relations with External Entities), and New Policy (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee) into the review process.

Following a motion by Dr. Marty Brock and second by Dr. Tammie McCoy, the Administrative Council voted to recommend President Miller approve the suggested changes to PS 3302 (Appropriate Use of Electronic Communication and Information Network Resources).