

1/10/20 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Brian Anderson, Angie Atkins, Alonzo Bouldin, Dr. David Brooking, Aaron Brooks, Ashley Chisolm, Karen Clay, Rodney Godfrey, Dr. Amber Handy, Jessica Harpole, Dr. Marty Hatton, Erinn Holloway, Carla Lowery, Penny Mansell, Iika McCarter, Dr. Jenny Miles, John Jacob Miller, Nora Miller, Jennifer Moore, Andrew MoneyMaker, Nicole Patrick, Anika Perkins, Amanda Clay Powers, Laura Quinn, Dr. Maria Scott, Ginger Smith, Susan Sobley, Andrea Stevens, Jason Trufant, Randy Vibrock, Dr. Deb Wells, Dr. Kim Whitehead, and Ken Widner

President Nora Miller called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion by Amanda Clay Powers and a second by Dr. Marty Hatton, the minutes from the December 2019 meeting were approved.

University Update –

President Miller said the university is continuing to enroll students for the Spring 2020 semester, and it looks like enrollment will be about where it was for Spring 2019. She also noted that she and Karen Clay attended Capital Day in Jackson yesterday, and there were also many inaugurations for state elected officials. She said the Senate committee chair announcement will come out today.

Faculty Senate Update –

Ashley Chisolm said there is still money left in Fund A (\$2,850) and Fund B (\$1,600) 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.

Staff Council Update –

Alonzo Bouldin said Staff Council's next meeting is next week and they hope to fill several vacancies.

SGA Update –

John Jacob Miller said February 11 is the potential date for an education session led by Dr. Bridget Pieschel about the history of university and its name changes. He also reported that a student petition was delivered last week about students being able to decorate their caps and wear organizational stoles at commencement. He said MUW's policy on this is stricter than other universities.

Other Updates –

Anika Perkins announced that the MLK Breakfast is set for Monday, January 20 at 8:00 a.m. at the Trotter Convention Center. The speaker will be Scott Colom. She said registration is on The W's website and attendance is free. President Miller added that the day also will include a service project called "Tools for School" where supplies will be collected and distributed to Lowndes and Noxubee county teachers.

Chief Randy Vibrock mentioned that his department has two patrol officer positions to fill, and he said the Night Owls program will start back up next week.

President Miller concluded the meeting by stating that the possible severe weather for the area is expected between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 11. She said the university will monitor the weather closely.