

3/5/21 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

Participated in Zoom meeting: Dr. Brian Anderson, Mea Ashley, Angie Atkins, Alonzo Bouldin, Dr. Marty Brock, Dr. David Brooking, Aaron Brooks, Ashley Chisolm, Karen Clay, Mark Ellard, Buddy Foster, Rodney Godfrey, Jessica Harpole, Erinn Holloway, Jody Kennedy, Melinda Lowe, Carla Lowery, Penny Mansell, Iika McCarter, Dr. Tammie McCoy, Jessica McDill, Nora Miller, Jennifer Moore, Andrew MoneyMaker, Nicole Patrick, Anika Perkins, Amanda Clay Powers, Laura Quinn, Dr. Barry Smith, Ginger Smith, Susan Soblely, Andrea Stevens, Dr. Scott Tollison, Chief 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 Carla Lowery, the minutes from the February 2021 meeting were approved.

University Update –

President Miller said the university and IHL are watching legislation and do not expect any action on the appropriation bill for about three weeks. She said she is optimistic there will not be a cut, noting that IHL requested restoration of the FY 20 budget plus 6% for faculty and staff raises.

Strategic Planning Task Force –

Melinda Lowe, who co-chairs the Strategic Planning Task Force with Dr. Kimberly Dorsey, said the task force has worked the last two weeks to collect information from the campus. The next step is for the group to determine the themes for the strategic plan and goals for each theme. Ms. Lowe said she appreciates everyone for their participation and assistance. She also noted listening sessions for the strategic planning process will be announced soon.

Library Update –

Amanda Clay Powers gave an update on the Library's strategic priorities. Her presentation included information about parity for services and resources; undergraduate research; promoting MUW research; Athena Commons; library as place; archives and special collections; library personnel; inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility; and finances. She also spoke about the Student Emergency Fund, the addition of a VISTA, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council, and the Common Read Book Club.

Faculty Senate Update –

Ashley Chisolm reported that there is still money available in Fund A and Fund B for faculty development. She said President Miller will participate in a question and answer session during the next Faculty Senate meeting on March 12. She also noted that the deans should have received emails about senators who will be rolling off of Faculty Senate at the end of the semester.

Staff Council Update –

No report.

SGA Update –

In the absence of Lydia Holland, Jess Harpole noted that SGA is working on a Life After College event and will hold elections the first week of April.

Other Reports –

Carla Lowery mentioned that the Great Colleges to Work For survey will open next week. She also noted that the Office of Institutional Research is down a staff person and that she and Jennifer Moore will assist with any data requests.

Policies –

Following a motion by Dr. Tammie McCoy and a second by Ms. Powers, the Administrative Council voted to extend the review period an additional 60 days for PS 1302 (Standards for Initial Appointment and Continuing Employment of Faculty), PS 1303 (Promotion of Faculty) and PS 1304 (Tenure of Faculty).

Following a motion by Dr. McCoy and a second by Ms. Lowery, the Administrative Council voted to accept PS 1312 (Post-Tenure Review) and PS 1313 (Criteria and Procedure for Faculty Salary Increases) into the review process.

Following a motion by Dr. Barry Smith and a second by Mark Ellard, the Administrative Council voted to recommend President Miller approve a change to PS 3533 (Teacher Education Council).

Following a motion by Ms. Lowery and a second by Dr. Deb Wells, the meeting was adjourned.