

ACADEMIC COUNCIL BOARD

March 25, 2025

Library Tiered Classroom

2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Dr. Scott Tollison, Dr. Kim Whitehead, Dr. Marty Brock, Dr. Brian Anderson, Kelly Woodford, Dr. Marty Hatton, Dr. Brandy Larmon, Hillary Richardson, Matthew Miles, Dr. Kendall Dunkelberg, Dr. Kristy Alpe, Dr. Josh Dohmen, Shannon Lucius, Dr. Clear Moore, Trish Caston, Jessi Jobe, Nicole Patrick, Dr. Hope Durst, Erinn Holloway

Approval of the February 2025 Minutes – Dr. Brock motioned to move the minutes as presented. Erinn Holloway seconded that motion and Academic Council approved the minutes as presented.

MSMS / Legislative Updates – Dr. Tollison provided updates on the HB 1193, PERS/ORP, U.S. Department of Education, and Dear Colleague Letter (DCL). The IHL Appropriation is likely to be down, per Dr. Tollison. It was also noted that Trustee Arrington's nomination moved through the Senate Universities Committee and heads to the full Senate for consideration. The recommendation from the Mississippi State Board of Education to move the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science to the Mississippi State University campus was also discussed by the Academic Council Board. When the lawmakers' vote will take place is unknown at this time. Dr. Tollison announced that the Barnes and Noble will be increasing W Books+ by 50 cents per credit hour. The Lowndes County Dual Enrollment signing went very well, per Dr. Tollison.

Policy Statements:

- PS# 3505 Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

PS# 3505 was recommended to be deactivated by Academic Council. Kelly Woodford motioned and Trish Caston seconded the motion.

- PS# 3525 Graduate Council

Erinn Holloway made a motion to add the "Director of the Women's College" to #1. Dr. Alpe seconded the motion and Academic Council recommended the change to #1.

- PS# 3526 Academic Calendar Committee

Kelly Woodford made a motion to add a comma after “Development and Alumni” in #1. Trish Caston seconded the motion and Academic Council recommended the change to #1.

- PS# 3543 Graduate Student Scholastic Appeals Committee

Dr. Brock requested that this policy be tabled until next month’s meeting. Dr. Hatton made a motion. Matthew Miles seconded the motion.

- PS# 3544 MUW Council of Chairs

Dr. Brock made a motion to approve PS# 3544 with no edits. Dr. Hatton seconded the motion and Academic Council recommended no changes.

Announcements:

- Hillary Richardson spoke about three different Library events coming up in the next few weeks. Meet the Author talk with Melanie Anderson, author of “Monster She Wrote”, will be March 25, 2025, and the IDEA Book talk about “Praisesong for the Kitchen Ghosts” will take place on March 26, 2025, both at 4:00pm in the Library’s GPG Multipurpose Room. There will also be a virtual book talk on April 30, 2025.
- Dr. Dohmen announced that Rev. Liz Theoharis will give the annual Nell Peel Wolfe Lecture on April 3, 2025, at 6:00pm in the Nissan Auditorium.
- Dr. Whitehead announced that the Women’s College Colloquium Series will feature Amy Tate, Executive for the Tennessee Valley Authority’s Southwest Region. This will take place on April 1, 2025, in the Library’s GPG Multipurpose Room at 4:00pm.
- Dr. Tollison confirmed that the first group of Women’s College graduates will graduate in the May Commencement Ceremony.
- Dr. Anderson announced that the Spring Recital will be March 25, 2025, and the Faculty Trombone Recital (Douglas Mark) will be April 1, 2025, both at 7:30pm in Poindexter Hall. Music in the Library will be March 28, 2025, at 2:00pm.
- MUW Homecoming is April 3-6, 2025.
- Matthew Miles announced that the Student Government Association (SGA) will host Project H.O.OT. (Helping Others Out Together) on March 29, 2025, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. This will be a day of service for all MUW and Columbus community members to give back to our town.

Adjournment:

Following a motion by Dr. Brock and a second by Trish Caston, the meeting was adjourned.