

3/6/2026 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

Participated: President Nora Miller, Brian Anderson, David Brooking, Aaron Brooks, Melissa Buxton, Trish Caston, Josh Dohmen, Kendall Dunkelberg, Asia Duren, Hope Durst, Rodney Godfrey, Jessica Harpole, Marty Hatton, Erinn Holloway, Tina Horton, Jessi Jobe, Brandy Larmon, Chandler Lester, Carla Lowery, Shannon Lucius, Penny Mansell, Jennifer Moore, Andrew Moneymaker, Chad Murphy, Nicole Patrick, Anika Perkins, Hillary Richardson, Laura Quinn, Melissa Smith, Susan Soblely, Scott Tollison, Randy Vibrock, Kim Whitehead, Ethan Wilkins, Kelly Woodford

President Miller called the meeting to order.

Minutes -

Following a motion from Kelly Woodford and a second by Marty Hatton the February 2026 meeting minutes were approved.

University Update –

President Miller gave a Legislative update the House appears to be considering pay raises for all institution staff, rather than just faculty. However, the current bond bill only includes placeholder amounts of \$1 million per institution. Final decisions are not expected for another three weeks when the bill goes to conference, with little news anticipated in the interim

President Miller updated the Council of NCHEMS recent visit to the campus. NCHEMS conducted thorough meetings, gathered input, and presented three initial proposals to the board, with a fourth "hybrid" model emerging as a likely outcome.

President Miller updated the institution is performing well, but future success hinges on legislative appropriations. The final outcomes depend on the legislature's decisions regarding appropriation and bond bills, with hopes for mediation by the end of the month

- March 12th is the anniversary of MUW's Charter Day at the Mississippi State Capitol
- MUW Men's Basketball Team will compete tonight in Atlanta in the NCAA Tournament,

This is MUW's first bid with the NCAA Division Three.

President Miller thanked everyone who participated in PIE+ and those who participated in the faculty and staff input sessions.

IHL has not indicated anything about the transit Presidential Transition. IHL does not like to handle two searches at the same time. Hopefully they will get moving on naming an interim so we can plan the transition.

Faculty Senate Update –

Dr. Chad Murphy reported Faculty Senate funds for fund A have been promised out, and Fund B has \$663.

Staff Council Update-

Ashley Williams reported for Tina Horton due to audio issues. Staff Council welcomed two new members: Malinda Dale and Asia Thomas.

Planning of Upcoming Events:

Lucky to Work with You Party

Theme: St Patrick's Day/Social Engagement

Date: 3/17/26

Future Upcoming Event Ideas:

End of Spring Events

Social event in April

Wellness Theme

End of Season Party

May 2026

Theme: Big Ole Luau

Discussion of New Staff Council President

SGA Update –

Ethan Wilkins reported closing the ballots for SGA Senate, SGA Executive Board, Hall of Fame, and Mr. and Miss MUW. The candidates are campaigning this week before and the week after spring break in preparation for the elections.

Upcoming SGA programs:

- Election- March 25, 2026
- SGA regular monthly nest night as a mid-semester board games and coffee.
- April Nest Night
- SGA Presidents presentation at the IHL board meeting in April.

Ethan Wilkins is getting ready to go into the end of his administration and start the transition process for the next administration for SGA.

Other Updates-

President Miller informed the Council of the following events on campus:

- Preview Weekend- March 20-21
- Music by Women Festival-March 5-7, 2026

Policy

End of the review process:

PS PIE Council, 3538

Dr Anderson is available to answer questions on the policy.

Two Review Bodies made recommendations. In paragraph two, there was a recommendation to add someone from the culture community access to the council, to be consistent with the policy, the Chief of the Culture Community Access was added.

Dr. Anderson reminded everyone that ex-officio members can vote, and the ex-officio on PIE Council do vote.

Trish Caston entertained a motion and a second to approve the policy as presented with the one recommendation.

Andrew Moneymaker motioned to approve PS 3538 with the new recommendations and Dr. Marty Hatton second. The Administrative Council approved PS 3538.

The question for other updates was presented.

Trish Caston entertained a motion to adjourn.

It was so moved by Dr. Josh Dohmen and seconded by Melissa Smith to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.