ACADEMIC COUNCIL BOARD

September 22, 2026
Library Tiered Classroom
2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Dr. Kim Whitehead, Dr. Marty Brock, Dr. Brian Anderson, Kelly Woodford, Dr. Marty Hatton, Hillary Richardson, Matthew Miles, Dr. Valentin Bogdan, Noah Chism, Dr. Josh Dohmen, Dr. Jill Drouillard, Shannon Lucius, Dr. Clear Moore, Trish Caston, Jessi Jobe, Nicole Patrick, Erinn Holloway, Dr. Kristi DiClemente

1. Approval of the April 2026 Minutes – Dr. Whitehead presented the April minutes for approval. Hillary Richardson motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Kelly Woodford seconded. Academic Council approved the minutes.
2. IHL Performance-Based Funding Model – Dr. Whitehead presented. This model has not been formally approved by the board. Once it is approved, it will then need to be tested. This model is based on IPEDS data relative to a peer group developed for each institution. It will likely be 2028 before it rolls out.
3. HB 1193 – Dr. Whitehead presented. The injunction on HB 1193 is under review by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and a decision is expected soon.
4. New Grant Funding – Dr. Whitehead presented. MUW was awarded a Title III grant that will be based on improving career pathways and workforce readiness. The directors will be Dr. Mansell, Dr. Moore, Dr. Schimminger, and Dr. Smith. It is a natural complement to the QEP. A new Navigator position funded through this grant will be created.
5. AI Survey – Dr. Clear Moore presented. The survey developed by our team participating in the AAC&U Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum closes at the end of the day tomorrow and is for everyone on campus. It covers a range of AI needs and concerns and will inform the team's action plan.
6. Policy Statements:

To Enter into Review:

PS# 3502 Student Scholastic Appeals Committee

Marty Hatton made a motion to enter the policy into review. Kristi DiClemente seconded the motion. All were in favor.

To Review:

PS# 3533 Teacher Education Council

Clear Moore made a motion to approve the change in membership in the policy. Noah Chism seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Announcements:

Matthew Miles - The election for Mr. and Miss W changed to fall so they can serve the full year. 283 students voted. There were nine candidates for Miss W and 4 or 5 for Mr. W.

Valentin Bogdan - Faculty concert tonight at 7:30.

Hillary Richardson - Upcoming events include September 25, Music in the Library; September 30, Community Read event; and October 6, Banned Books Week Trivia Night at Munson & Brothers.

Jessi Jobe - PrevieW Day is November 13 and 14.

Clear Moore - The Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) which is specifically for people with disabilities to help them eventually move into a government job. In October, SSC will host Transfer Week.

Matthew Miles - Office of Student Life is starting Manhood Monday to provide support for males at the W.

Josh Dohmen - On October 6 Lauren Albright will speak about Mississippi Public Broadcasting at Honors Forum.

Kim Whitehead - Faculty/Staff Luncheon is October 7.

7. Adjournment

Following a motion by Erin Holloway and a second by Dr. Marty Brock, the meeting was adjourned.