

PIE Council Minutes
February 15, 2008
1:30 p.m.
Welty Boardroom

Members Present: Irene Miller, Eric Daffron, Shaochen Yang, Marie Byrne, Sally Pearson, Bobby Fugitt, Tina Blackwell, Perry Sansing, Gary Bouse, Gloria Bunnell, Patricia Donat (Chair), and Jennifer Moore (guest)

Members Absent: Nicole Dilg, James Ward, Randy Stewart, Mark Bean, Twila Alpe, Larry Jones, Dave Haffly, Amy Swingle, Cassie Derden, Nathan Wilson, Nora Miller, John Davis, Claudia Limbert, and Carla Lowery

Items Distributed: Agenda, Minutes of November 16, 2007, W-2009 Progress Report, ACT Survey of Student Opinions Additional Questions, Staff Survey 2007, Faculty Survey 2007, Commencement Survey 2007

The minutes from the November 16, 2007 meeting were approved by Council members.

Dr. Donat shared with the Council that the current review of W-2009 goes hand-in-hand with our planning process, MUW 20/20. Dr. Limbert has formed a task force that will compile information from all the focus groups, review it, and prepare a summary which is due March 1, 2008.

Dr. Donat also reported on the Mississippi IHL Strategic Plan which is a statewide initiative to increase the number and quality of baccalaureate graduates. Dr. Sandra Jordan is on the steering committee for this initiative and attended a meeting this week. One of the goals of this initiative is to help prepare our state's residents to be prepared for future challenges.

Dr. Donat presented the Council a progress report for W-2009. There are ten goals in W-2009. Progress on Goal No. 2 - Ensure high quality academic and leadership preparation for women:

- 2.1 – The Southern Women's Institute opened September 30, 2005. In the spring of 2008, MUW submitted a request for continued funding for an Institutional *Center for Women's Study, Research, and Public Policy*.
- 2.2 – Since 1997, over 300 students have participated in the Hearin Leadership Program. 85% of Hearin students are women. In 2006-2007, 22 Hearin women held top student leadership positions on campus.

- 2.3 – The Women’s Center for Entrepreneurship was created and a director was hired in November 2006. In spring 2008, MUW submitted a request for continued funding for a *Center for Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Innovation*.
- 2.4 – In 2007-2008, the faculty affiliated with the women’s studies program presented proposals to cross-list all discipline-specific courses in support of the women’s studies minor. In addition, one new course was added as an option in the women’s studies minor in spring 2008.

Progress on Goal No. 3 - Provide student life programs that stimulate intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and leadership development:

- 3.1 – Learning communities in the residence halls have been developed for Residential Honors Students and for Hearin Leaders. In 2006-2007, over 300 programs were offered, with over 3500 participants.
- 3.2 – An events calendar is now in place which helps coordinate activities. There are two additional events planned: *A Dessert Extravaganza* and *Blues and Barbeque*. Another event on campus combined English and Culinary Arts with *Soul Food Tuesday*. Two faculty members have been awarded five-year grants from the NIH for the establishment of a genomics research lab in Parkinson Hall.
- 3.3 – Our campus boasts over 75 student social, service, religious, performing, academic, and honorary student organizations.
- 3.4 – The new Stark Recreation Center and Pohl Building were opened in spring 2007. In April 2007, the average daily entry count was 258. Participation in campus recreation programs in 2006-2007 was 39,464, a 20% increase from the previous year.
- 3.5 – Monthly programming surrounding outreach topics became a fixture in the freshman residence areas in 2006-2007 and began to be a presence in the upper-class halls as well. A workshop was conducted in fall 2007 on *Dealing with Troubled Students*. Sally Pearson added that the University needs to have a licensed counselor on campus. Dr. Donat will add this point as one of our objectives.
- 3.6 – Hearin Scholars participated in over 3500 hours of community service in 2006-2007. Several members of the Council mentioned community service projects performed that were not being reported. It was suggested that there be a mechanism devised to compile and coordinate all community service projects. Dr. Donat will add this point as one of our objectives.

Jennifer Moore presented the Council with the ACT Survey of Student Opinions Section VI: Additional Questions. These are questions that our University added with PIE Council approval. The Council noted that the answers to questions 10 and 15 through 22 should be “yes” or “no” responses. Dr. Donat stated that question 10 will be moved down with 15-22 and the responses will be changed

as noted. The PIE Council approved the ACT Additional Questions for this year's administration of the survey with the noted revisions.

The PIE Council discussed a recommendation that the University go to the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) instead of the ACT Survey of Student Opinions. The PIE Council approved the adoption of NSSE for next year.

Jennifer Moore presented the Council with the Staff Satisfaction Survey. Any comments on this survey must be returned to Dr. Donat by next Friday, February 22, 2008. If there are no requested changes, the PIE Council authorized the survey to be administered at the end of February.

The Faculty Satisfaction Survey was discussed. There were two suggested edits for Question 1.44 and 1.45. Question 1.44 was divided into two separate questions. The PIE Council approved this edit of Question 1.44. Question 1.45 was also divided into two separate questions. The PIE Council voted Question 1.45 remain as written and not be separated. Any comments on this survey must be returned to Dr. Donat by next Friday, February 22, 2008. If there are no requested changes, the PIE Council authorized the survey to be administered at the end of February.

Jennifer Moore presented the Council with the 2007 Commencement Survey. Dr. Donat suggested that Council members take this survey back to their groups/departments for a comprehensive review and feedback to ensure we are asking the right questions. Proposed revisions need to be returned to Dr. Donat prior to the next PIE Council meeting on April 18, 2008. An electronic version of the survey will be sent to Council members.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the Welty Boardroom.