

PIE Council Minutes
April 18, 2008
1:30 p.m.
Welty Boardroom

Members Present: Kristen Barnes (for Nicole Dilg), Brandon Newsome (for Irene Miller), Eric Daffron, Shaochen Yang, James Ward, Marie Byrne, Sally Pearson, Larry Jones, Dave Haffly, Carla Lowery, Gloria Bunnell, Patricia Donat (Chair)

Members Absent: Randy Stewart, Bubby Fugitt, Mark Bean, Twila Alpe, Tina Blackwell, Amy Swingle, Cassie Derden, Nathan Wilson, Perry Sansing, Nora Miller, Gary Bouse, John Davis, Claudia Limbert

Items Distributed: Commencement Survey, Faculty/Staff Satisfaction Survey Results, PS#3301: Allocation and Use of Information Technology Resources, 20/20 White Paper Response, IHL strategic initiatives, IHL "rebalancing" proposal, draft of recommended planning priorities

The minutes from the February 15, 2008 meeting were approved by Council members.

Carla Lowery presented a revised draft of the 2008 commencement survey for approval by the Council. The Council discussed and approved the survey as presented.

Carla Lowery presented results from the 2008 Faculty/Staff Satisfaction Survey. The Council discussed the results and recommended that a question regarding service learning be included in next year's survey.

Patricia Donat presented Policy Statement #3301: Allocation and Use of Information Technology Resources to the Council for review. The Council recommended only minor editorial changes: Change "Division Heads" to "Deans" and change "Computing Services" to "Information Technology Services."

Patricia Donat presented a brief overview of the 20/20 process and the IHL Strategic Initiative and funding proposals, along with a draft of recommended planning priorities for 2008-2009 based on these documents. The Council approved the following recommendations for submission to the President:

1. Increase enrollment in several key performance areas (i.e., first-time/full-time freshmen, non-traditional students, part-time students, and community/junior college transfer students).
2. Increase retention and graduation rates (overall, and for low income and minority students).
3. Develop strategies to generate additional revenue for the institution, including initiatives in grant writing, faculty development, and donor support.
4. Develop online courses and degree programs to support increases in both enrollment and revenue.
5. Promote healthy relationships and collaborative partnerships with all constituent groups.
6. Reallocate resources internally to support the achievement of these objectives. In addition, the Council believes that it is important to continue to systematically address faculty and staff compensation and benefits, as resources are available, in order to promote institutional vitality.

The next meeting date is to be determined at the start of the fall semester.