

PIE Council Minutes
September 17, 2010
1:30pm
Welty Board Room

Members Present: Alisa Holen, Dionne Fortenberry, Michael Longton, Vicki Leach, Cathy Young, Mark Bean, Larry Jones, Dave Haffly, Sirena Parker, Perry Sansing, Nora Miller, Gary Bouse, John Davis, Martha Jo Mims, Allegra Brigham, Carla Lowery, Jim Roth, Marty Hatton (Chair)

Members Absent: Carlos Williams, Jr. Brandon Newsome, Sheila Adams, Rusty King, Kimberly Dorsey, Cassie Derden, Jo Beth Hamlett

Marty Hatton opened the meeting by sharing with the group some “unofficial” results of the recent SACS 5th year review. Notice was received in July that no future reports were required. It was asked if other universities could contact us concerning how we did as well as we did. Since this effort was led by Eric Daffron, he was contacted and made aware of this notification. He stated that he had a very good team work on this with him and it was a combined effort. Eric also stated that no other university has gone without additional information being required, and that to go without further review is remarkable. To date, one (1) university has contacted MUW concerning this.

The next item of business was the schedule for PIE meetings. Per the policy for PIE meetings are to be held monthly. However, this has not been done in the past due to varying reasons including scheduling conflicts, school breaks, etc. It was decided that the next meeting will be in November and an amendment to the policy referencing meeting monthly will be an agenda item for that meeting.

Jennifer Moore was next on the agenda with Fall 2010 Preliminary Enrollment Numbers. The unduplicated headcount is at 2588, which is an increase over Fall 2009. This is the highest enrollment since 2000, per Allegra Brigham, interim President. Jennifer noted that the demographics given did not include V3/eCollege students because the data was not available and also that the numbers given are preliminary. A discussion followed concerning numbers from eCollege being separate from the rest of the University and how this data has to be manually calculated.

Allegra Brigham spoke to the group concerning an enrollment goal of 3000 which she has suggested for Fall 2011. She has been working with Cassie Derden and Dr. Ruby. Recruitment is not just a part of Admissions, but for everyone involved with the university. We should all get excited about the recruiting of students. MUW offers something unique, and as this excitement grows, it will snowball not only to those of us on campus, but also to the community. Departments will be contacted to develop a target to stretch their goals in helping to reach our goal.

Carla Lowery presented recent CLA results. CLA stands for Collegiate Learning Assessment. This test was given Fall 2009 to first time freshmen and Spring 2010 to graduating seniors who entered as first time freshmen. It is on a voluntary basis. Fifty-six (56) freshmen took the test and thirty-four (34) seniors. While the original numbers for students who signed up to take the test in both groups were high, the actual participation was not as hoped. It was only after much effort that the minimum number needed in both groups was achieved. The test is a written assessment and can either be a performance task or an analytical writing task. Students do not know which one it will be until they log in. MUW ranked in the upper percentile at 87% with all schools taking the CLA. This test is not about individual students, but rather the institution as a whole and how it is performing. Students will receive their individual results directly from CLA. Due to the difficulty in getting students to agree to take this test, and also to be the most cost effective, other options in getting more student participation, are being reviewed. The possibility of making this an embedded part of a course was discussed. The next administration will not be due for two years.

Carla then shared the results of the commencement survey which was administered May 2010 to graduating seniors. This was the first time the survey has been given on-line. Out of 393 graduation candidates, 118 completed the survey. A broad base of students participated. The response was good and also very positive. It seems that those who participated completed it for the right reasons. Some of the lower scores were the same as in the past which are parking and food services. It seems that some areas the students either do not use or are not aware of the programs involved. However, there were several pages of very positive comments.

The last item of business was approval of the minutes from the April meeting. These were approved. The meeting was adjourned