

PIE Council Minutes
Friday, April 16, 2021
1:00 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Brian Anderson, Marty Brock, David Brooking, Aaron Brooks, Brooke Carter, Mark Ellard, Magan Evans, Wesley Garrett, Jess Harpole, Marty Hatton, Carla Lowery, Jessica McDill, Jennifer Moore, Anika Perkins, Leigh Anne Puckett, Jo Shumake, and Barry Smith.

Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on September 29, 2020. Jessica McDill motioned to approve the minutes. A second to the motion was made by Aaron Brooks. The motion carried.

Budget Update

Mark Ellard, VP for Administration and CFO, provided an update. MUW will start the budget process very soon as the university budget must be submitted to IHL by June 1st. The IHL Board of Trustees allocated \$655,000 in new money to MUW and \$535,000 for capital expenses for FY 22 on April 15, 2021. The \$655k increase is supposed to go towards salary increases. MUW also was approved for a 3% increase in both tuition and dorm fees and 4% for board fees. The board fee increase is due to Sodexo increasing their fees to MUW. Marty Brock asked when budget books and CDs would go out for the FY2021. The deans were inadvertently left off the distribution list.

Strategic Planning Update

Carla Lowery informed the council that President Miller formed a Strategic Planning Committee in January with Melinda Lowe and Dr. Kim Dorsey co-chairing it. The committee has been working all semester to develop a new strategic plan for the next 5 years. A draft of the plan was emailed to the council in the agenda packet. The 6 new priorities were discussed and how that would affect planning and assessment starting this fall. There will be listening sessions the week after graduation to allow everyone to provide input.

FY 2022 Budget Priorities

Carla Lowery opened the floor for discussion regarding the upcoming budget year priorities to recommend to President Miller. In the past the council has recommended the strategic priorities, some years ranked and some not ranked. Marty Brock made a motion to recommend all 6 new priorities considering the budget increases indicated in the budget update by the CFO. David Brooking seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

Carla Lowery informed the group that MUW had submitted its SACSCOC 5th Year Interim Referral Report. The report will be reviewed by the SACSCOC board in June. In October, we will find out if we have the option for a differentiated 10-year self-study.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.