

ACADEMIC COUNCIL BOARD

October 22, 2024

Library Tiered Classroom

2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Dr. Scott Tollison, Dr. Kim Whitehead, Dr. Brian Anderson, Kelly Woodford, Dr. Marty Hatton, Matthew Miles, Dr. Dorothy Berglund, Dr. Chad Murphy, Dr. Josh Dohmen, Penny Mansell, Dr. Clear Moore, Trish Caston, Nicole Patrick, Dr. Hope Durst, Erinn Holloway

Approval of the September 2024 Minutes – Nicole Patrick motioned to move the minutes as presented. Dr. Dohmen seconded that motion and Academic Council approved the minutes as presented.

Date of Last Attendance – Dr. Tollison presented the revised proposed language for the Date of Last Attendance Catalog Policy. The last sentence in the first paragraph was omitted and the first sentence in the second paragraph now reads “As a result, for students earning grades of “WF,” or “F,” the institution is required to document the student’s Last Date of Attendance (LDA), and faculty must include this information when submitting final grades.” Dr. Hatton motioned to approve the revised proposed language change with edits to make the second bullet under “For online classes” to read “Submitting or completing an academic assignment;” and Kelly Woodford seconded the motion.

Academic Quick Reference Guide – Dr. Anderson decided to table the Academic Quick Reference Guide to the November meeting.

November Academic Council Meeting Reschedule – Considering that next Academic Council meeting would fall during Thanksgiving week, Dr. Tollison suggested that we change next month’s meeting to November 19, 2024. The Council agreed to change the date.

Upcoming Events – Dr. Tollison provided the Council with several updates and upcoming press releases.

- Signings for East Central Community College (Oct. 29), Itawamba Community College (Nov. 1), and Mississippi College (Nov. 21).
- The MSMS Academic Pathways Group will meet again in November.
- We are still working with the Lowndes County School District for dual enrollment opportunities.
- Aspen Institute Transfer Student Success (Meridian Community College)
- Legislative active committee meeting will take place on campus (LEAP)

Spring Convocation Speaker – Dr. Tollison announced that the Spring Convocation speaker will be someone from Shatter the Silence. The time will be announced to campus soon.

Transfer Credit Loss – Dr. Tollison shared some preliminary data regarding transfer student success. Back in 2018-2019, the policy was changed to accept 90 hours of community college transfer credit. After examining a graduate file, Dr. Tollison explained that the total number of hours earned by graduating transfer students decreased by 5.13 hours per graduate saving these students roughly 13,000 credit hours since fall 2018. More data will be shared at a future meeting.

Announcements:

- Dr. Anderson announced that the Welty Symposium will take place October 24-26, 2024.
- Penny Mansell mentioned the Science of Reading Day for the School of Education and all are welcome to attend. This will take place November 21, 2024, at 8:30am. It was also mentioned that Mississippi Governor's School student applications are open now and Faculty applications open November 15, 2024. All faculty are encouraged to apply if interested.
- Erinn Holloway announced that Tye Abel from the Japanese Embassy in Nashville will be on campus to discuss the JET program. This will take place on October 29, 2024, at 1:00pm in the Library's GPG Room.
- Matthew Miles announced that MUW Student Affairs is hosting a panel discussion with faculty, staff, and students about being LGBTQIA+ in academic spaces. This will take place on October 24, 2024, at 3:30pm in the Library's GPG Room.
- Dr. Whitehead announced the Women's College Colloquium Series event that will take place October 22, 2024, at 4:00pm in Fant Library. Judge Adrienne Hooper-Wooten, Mississippi Circuit Court Judge, is the speaker for this event.

Adjournment:

Following a motion by Kelly Woodford and a second by Dr. Hatton, the meeting was adjourned.