

**PIE Council Minutes**  
**Friday, April 24, 2020**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Welty Board Room**

**Members Present:** Brian Anderson, Marty Brock, David Brooking, Ian Childers, Bobby Fugitt, Wesley Garrett, Lydia Holland, Melinda Lowe, Carla Lowery, Jessica McDill, Jenny Miles, John Miller, Andrew Money maker, Jenny Miles, Nora Miller, Jennifer Moore, Anika Perkins, Leigh Anne Puckett, Jo Shumake, and Barry Smith.

**Approval of Minutes**

Members reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on November 22, 2019. A motion was made by Leigh Anne Puckett to edit the minutes to include her as present. Ian Childers motioned to approve the edit and to approve the minutes. A second to the motion was made by Barry Smith. The motion carried.

**President's Update**

President Miller provided PIE with an update and an overview of the actions and events that have taken place since February and March amid the Covid-19 pandemic. With multiple meetings with the Crisis Team, Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), and the Instance Response Team over the course of weeks, MUW is staying on task for maintaining the health and safety of its students, faculty, and staff and the institution's integrity. Grants and funding for students in this time of crisis have also been filed. IHL has formulated a Reopening Task Force consisting of two representatives from each institution. Jason Trufant and Tammie McCoy are MUW's representatives. The Mayor of Columbus has also created a City Task Force with Carla Lowery being MUW's representative. The University will be creating a Task Force that will host a city representative, as well. Finally, President Miller announced that Legislature would be meeting June 1<sup>st</sup>, tentatively, to discuss budget appropriations; however, due to Covid-19, there are several factors that will be affected.

After President Miller's update, the floor was opened for questions. There were none. The President did mention that a virtual Commencement will be held for May graduates on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall 2019 Enrollment Statistics**

Jennifer Moore, Director of Institutional Research and Assessment, provided a brief overview of the enrollment data from this past Fall and discussed the Census Date Reporting process for this past year. There were three census dates: Day 10, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>. IHL decided to base Fall enrollment on the November 1<sup>st</sup> date. While the Spring 2020 census date is April 1<sup>st</sup>, there has yet been a vote on determining what this upcoming Fall Census Date will be, once again due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

After Jennifer's overview, the floor was opened for questions. One was posed concerning the reason for the increase in enrollment (3.7%) from last Fall. This was due to increase in Tupelo

Nursing students and Dual-Enrollment students, who boosted the part-time and undeclared categories, as well.

### **FY 2021 Budget Priorities**

Carla Lowery, Chief Information Officer and SACSCOC Liaison, opened the floor for discussing the FY 2021 Budget Priorities. Initially, a motion was made by Brian Anderson to recommend Priorities 1 and 2 only, which was seconded by Ian Childers, but further discussion was carried out. Based on that discussion with concerns regarding Covid-19, PIE Council decided to recommend to the President that all five current priorities continue but with an emphasis and preference on priorities 1 and 2:

- Priority 1: Sustainable Financial Model
- Priority 2: Degree Completion
- Priority 3: 21<sup>st</sup> Century University
- Priority 4: Advancement Excellence
- Priority 5: Regional Stewardship

Brian Anderson motioned to amend the past motion, and it was seconded by Melinda Lowe. Carla Lowery stated that she would draft an email with PIE's recommendations and send it to the President for her review.

### **Other Information**

Carla Lowery stated that PIE's 3-Year Review of the Non-Academic Assessment was sent out to assessment coordinators and their direct supervisors on April 23<sup>rd</sup> for their review and consideration. She also stated that the SACSCOC 5<sup>th</sup>-Year Interim Report was submitted by the March deadline and that findings from SACSCOC will be forthcoming by July or August. If the findings are good, then for the University's 10-Year Report, only a differentiated report will be needed, which means that only 43/72 Standards will need to be addressed. That 10-Year Report is due September 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.