

4-1-2010

April 2010 Minutes

USM Council of Chairs

Follow this and additional works at: http://aquila.usm.edu/council_of_chairs

Recommended Citation

USM Council of Chairs, "April 2010 Minutes" (2010). *Council of Chairs*. Paper 8.
http://aquila.usm.edu/council_of_chairs/8

This 2009/10 Minutes is brought to you for free and open access by the University Committees & Organizations at The Aquila Digital Community. It has been accepted for inclusion in Council of Chairs by an authorized administrator of The Aquila Digital Community. For more information, please contact Joshua.Cromwell@usm.edu.

Council of Chairs

April 1, 2010

12:15 to 2:10 p.m.

213 McLemore Hall

Minutes

Attendance: B. Bateman, A. Branton, C. Campbell, S. Hughes. L. Fonder-Solano, E. Mann, M. Miles, J. Norton, B. Powell, T. Rehner, K. Reidenbach, K. Yadrick, J. Zhang. **Others:** D. Beckett, A. McBride, A. Miller, Chuck Tardy

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Approval of agenda: moved and approved.

3.0 Guest: Dr. Martha Saunders, President

Dr. Saunders met with CoC and spoke about a number of issues that impact future of USM.

3.1 The Business building has been bonded for the next 2 years and will free up needed classroom space in Green. Private funding in hand is 5M but the location has yet to be determined but will likely be in a high profile setting. Nursing is the next major building scheduled with 6M in federal funding. Other conversations regarding building for the future include new residence halls with features that support recruitment and retention of students. Parking garage is underway and will provide 104 spaces. College Hall is scheduled to be renovated.

Question: Will departments be allowed to keep E&G funds? Answer: Do not know.

3.2 Convocation was a success. Next big event is Commencement to be held in the stadium, rain or shine. Other events such as Homecoming are planned to commemorate Southern Miss 100th birthday throughout the coming year.

3.3 Vice President searches: VP Research will be announced week of April 7th; VP Gulf Coast search committee is scheduling onsite visits; and VP Advancement, which has been filled by Bob Pierce as interim, will be made a permanent assignment.

3.4 University Communications either needs more staff or assume an auxiliary budget or agent model with a pay for services. Still under review.

3.5 Gifts and donations were up by 23% for 2009 not including the 6M gift for scholarships of which 5M will be used for the Jubilee scholarships and 1M for retention scholarships. Scholarships are awarded on a sliding scale from books to tuition. Criteria for scholarships are being designed to meet student needs.

Question: What is the strategy for recruitment of Mobile, Alabama students? Answer: Regional scholarships (not tuition waivers) are lost revenues. It is the way we budget that impacts the method of recruitment in Alabama and other out-of-state students.

Question: Is there discussion about waivers for out-of-state online programs? Answer: Not at this time.

Questions: Could we have reciprocity agreements with more states. Answer: Not all MS universities are entering into agreements to provide regional scholarships.

Question: How does this impact recruitment of international students? Answer: We engage agencies to recruit internationally and provide regional scholarships.

3.6 Issues and comments regarding dual campuses at Southern Miss Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast were shared. Expressed need for a single 'voice' for the dual campuses with a providing one image of a single academic program. Need the USM website to centralize information between the campuses.

3.7 Space allocations guidelines provided by the Space Utilization and Allocation Review committee will go forward without changes. While it is not perfect, it should work well enough for the time being and resolve issues as they arise. Major issue of conflict is allocation of faculty offices as they come open. It is more important that we communicate needs to one committee who has a full perspective of what can or needs to be done.

4.0 Approval of minutes: moved and approved by M. Miles and C. Campbell

5.0 Committee reports from CoC representatives

5.1 Provost Council—Ed Mann reporting. Americorps will increase its presence at USM; assessing the student a separate \$6.00 technology fee was not supported by IHL and the current \$10.00 fee to utilize Blackboard by every student is still in place. The Council agreed to advise the provost of continued concerns and agreed that one solution is to carve the fee (\$6.00) from tuition. John Meyer has been assigned to establish a Textbook committee and to develop a textbook policy to determine the length of time a textbook will be used before being replaced in undergraduate courses. Discussion about issue to award new chairs and administrators with tenure at the time of appointment. Currently new administrators are tenured after one year of employment with the approval of the department. However, the president can already award tenure at the time of appointment.

5.2 RCM Budget Committee—Skip Hughes reporting. A group did visit Iowa State University to review RPM as it is used there. Structural aspects of RCM include decentralized management of the budget, college fiscal data offices staffed with personnel with expertise to analyze and provide information, and variable tuition scales per degree program.

5.3 UPC—Tim Rehner & Bill Powell reporting. No new information. Question: M. Miles asked about what the UPC timeline was to gather and review documents regarding programs. Answer: Committee anticipates review will be done this summer.

5.4 Chair Development Committee—Lisa Nored & Kathy Yadrick. Council recommended that some of the CoC guest speakers would make good programs for chair development series during the year.

- 5.5 Faculty Handbook Committee—Bob Bateman
 - 5.5.1 Faculty Handbook Update—David Beckett reporting. See handout. Wording is proposed to clarify responsibilities of the administrators' role in Departmental Personnel Committee (DPC) and Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC).
- 5.6 Strategic Enrollment & Planning Council—Chris Campbell
 - 5.6.1 Retention & Persistence Subcommittee—Chris Campbell reporting. No current information to report.
- 5.7 Space Utilization and Allocation Review Committee—Kathy Yadrick & Lisa Nored reporting. A written response was drafted and sent from the CoC committee to express concerns about the University Space Utilization and Allocation Review committee guideline to report a vacant faculty office and the need to get permission to reassign it.
- 5.8 Ad hoc committee of Faculty Expectations—no report.
- 6.0 Old Business
 - 6.1 E-platforms Committee Report—J Norton reporting. Meeting called for 2nd week in April.
- 7.0 New Business
 - 7.1 Guests for Spring meetings
 - 7.1.1 Dr. Robert Lyman, Provost, agreed to speak at the May meeting
 - 7.2 Meeting days and time for AY 2010-2011—Tim Rehner. Discussion was held about expanding the size of the Council and meeting more frequently. Suggestion was made to have fewer speakers and perhaps schedule a few speakers for the Chairs Enhancement programs rather than present at CoC business meetings.
- 8.0 Announcements
 - 8.1 Next meeting: Thursday, May 6, 2010
 - 8.2 The 43rd Annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival will be held April 7 – 9, 2010 on the USM campus sponsored by USM School of Library and Information Science. The 43rd Southern Miss Medallion winner is David Wiesner, who has won the Caldecott Medal for outstanding children's illustrations three times.
 - 8.3 Announced the expectation of electing a new vice chair of the Council of Chairs in May or June.
- 9.0 Adjourn: 2:10 PM