Dr. Meehan reported that Board of Trustees (BOT) nominee Thomas Dedrick, Sr., has been confirmed. Concerning the state budget, Senator Del Marsh is leading an effort to add $25 million back into the state education budget. Two other legislators, Means and Preuitt, are assisting in that effort. The outcome of that proposal is not yet known. A special session may
occur. Delays to final budget decisions could work in higher education’s favor, as the economy could improve over the summer. Dr. Meehan encouraged a cooperative approach to education, and discouraged pitting Higher Education against K-12 in vying for resources.

Old Business:

1. Minutes of the April 2, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Mr. Harper provided a Banner update. Upgrades to Finance and other modules are being carried out. Licenses from software are being migrated to interface with Sungard. Training on Workflow will continue throughout the summer. Mr. Graham provided an update on Luminis. Pilot groups have “submitted” all of their pages, one of the final stages before full implementation of web pages in Luminis Content Management. The “closeout” date is on target for the pilot groups. More training is also yet to come on Content Management.

3. Dr. T. King reported on the handout providing Application Counts for Fall 2008. The numbers look good.

4. Dr. Simmons reported on Credit Hours for May, A, G and J terms. Numbers are up over last year’s.

5. Dr. Turner introduced Ms. Jennifer Nix, who attended the last meeting as incoming SGA President.

New Business

1. Dr. Turner provided information on the new BOT member, Thomas Dedrick, Sr. She pointed out the earlier concern that surrounded his confirmation. He will be serving on the Academic Committee of the Board.

2. Dr. Turner spoke on the Accreditation Report that she and Dr. Simmons presented at the last BOT meeting. The report, details of which are contained in the latest issue of
Momentum, shows JSU’s impressive standing compared to its peer institutions in the state. JSU has the greatest number of accredited programs. She also pointed to the need for improved coordination of accreditation efforts with the administration, including submission of self studies.

3. Dr. Turner reported on ACHE staff meetings on planning, including the usefulness of BOT reports to ACHE, due in October, after approval, and Presidential reports.

4. Further items of new business: Human Resources is looking into purchasing employee liability insurance, at the recommendation of the university attorney.

5. Also Dr. Tim King asked for Academic Counsel’s approval for mandatory orientation for first-time, first-year undergraduates. Dr. Harper moved for adoption, and Dr. Latham seconded. The motion carried. Dr. Carr recommended clearly designating the orientation as undergraduate only.

6. Dr. Rayburn reported from Faculty Senate that issues relating to university outreach and pay increases related to promotion were issues that would be coming to Dr. Turner. He also announced that Dr. Brent Cunningham, the incoming Faculty Senate President, would attend the next AC meeting.

Announcements

Mr. Harper announced that a new wireless connection had been established at JSU-McClellan, with plans to also extend to Building 3170. He also appreciated the responses to his survey on campus computer lab needs. The Observatory project is also moving forward.

Ms. Osterbind asked that departments call the Registrar to drop students without incurring a fee. She also requested feedback on the registration process, as it is a work in progress. Graduation went well.

Dr. Simmons called attention to the latest issue of Momentum, now available online and in print.

Dr. Latham reported on a national meeting to address the nursing shortage, at which Alabama
Dr. Restauri announced upcoming Blackboard workshops for this summer in response to surveys. She also reported on a JSU pilot of the Respondus Browser Lockdown software, which provided good information.

Dr. Delap reported that his office had received an IRB application for J. F. Smith Group to conduct a market study on the feasibility of raising $11.6 million to support “Olympic Sports” facilities at JSU.

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