

**University Council
Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall
December 3, 2014**

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Dean John-Bauer Graham, Library Services
Dean Earl Wade, College of Arts & Sciences
Dean Bill Fielding, College of Commerce and Business Administration
Dr. Windon Edge for Dean Christie Shelton, College of Nursing
Ms. Emily White, Registrar
Dr. Louise Clark, Associate Dean, College of Commerce and Business Administration
Dr. Charles Lewis, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Windon Edge for Dr. Melanie Wallace, Faculty Senate President
Mr. Greg Bonds, Associate Athletic Director, Internal Affairs
Ms. Allyson Barker, Acting Vice-President for Administrative and Business Affairs
Dean John Hammett, College of Education and Professional Studies
Dr. Tim King, Associate Vice-President for Enrollment Management & Student Affairs
Dr. Joe Walsh, Associate Vice President for Educational Technology and Support
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Vice President Research, Planning and Collaboration
Mr. Vinson Houston, Vice President for Information Technology
Mr. Tim Garner, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications
Mr. Brett Johnson, President, SGA

Absent:

Mr. Don Killingsworth, Government Relations
Mr. Sam Monk, University Counsel
Dr. Joe Delap, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies
Mr. Tony Bennett, University Auditor

Guest:

Mr. Martin Weldon, Assistant Director of Scholarships and Veterans Affairs

Old Business:

Minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

New Business:

Mr. Martin Weldon provided handouts for review concerning Tuition Assistance and a **proposed Policy on Scholarships**. Mr. Weldon spoke to the council about the scholarship policy followed by Ms. Allyson Barker who discussed tuition assistance. After a modification to the scholarship policy regarding tuition assistance the council voted to **approve the new policy and send it to the president for his consideration and approval**.

Dr. Rebecca Turner addressed the *Travel Policy* and suggested a small committee be formed to review the existing JSU policy to include both in-state and out-of-state policies. The committee members are: Dean Earl Wade, Dean John-Bauer Graham, and Dr. Joe Walsh.

Dr. Turner reminded everyone the *2015 Staff Performance Reviews* are due April 1, 2015.

The following report was given by the SGA: Mr. Brett Johnson is working on the “*Suggestions for Increasing Enrollment*” report requested by the Board of Trustees at their last meeting. Per Dr. Meehan’s request, Mr. Johnson will share the report with the University Council before presenting it to the Board of Trustees. Also, the District VI Student Council Association Conference for middle and high schools will be on campus December 16th and 17th.

Faculty Senate Report: On behalf of Dr. Melanie Wallace, Dr. Windon Edge stated the Faculty Senate appreciated members from the Board of Trustees and the President’s Search Committee updating them about the President’s search at their last Faculty Senate meeting.

Announcements:

Mr. Vinson Houston stated he spoke to the president about the issues with the Faculty Handbook.

Dean Graham announced the library will remain open until 1:00 a.m. beginning December 7th until the end of the semester.

Dr. Turner reported a NISP is being submitted to ACHE for a BS in Respiratory Therapy.

Ms. Emily White announced the next *Graduation Fair* will be held on February 26, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium for spring and summer graduates.

Mr. Greg Bonds reminded everyone of the football playoff game December 6th.

Dr. John Hammett offered congratulations to the *JSU Robotics Team* for winning the National Championship.

Dr. Charles Lewis reported the Foundation has agreed to drop the pay-out rate over the next few years from 5% to 4%. Students currently receiving the 5% rate will not be affected.

Dr. Turner added the following dates to be noted: December 5th, ACHE meeting; December 6th through 9th, SACSCOC meeting; and lastly, there will be no University Council meeting on December 17th.

Meeting adjourned.