

## University Council Meeting June 25, 2018

Present: Dr. Joseph Savoie, John Blohm, Dr. DeWayne Bowie, Patricia Cottonham, Dr. David Danahar, Gene Fields, Jerry Luke LeBlanc, Dr. Taniecea Mallory, Aaron Martin, Dr. Chad Parker

The Council discussed and voted to approve the *Policy for Determining A Charitable Contribution Vs. Sponsored Program*.

The Council discussed and voted to approve the *Internal Mass Communications Policy*. The Council also reviewed the University *Internal Messaging Procedures* and made a recommendation to create a procedure to review "messages that solicit support." It was agreed that, when needed, the Vice President for University Advancement leadership team will review and make recommendations to the University Council to revise the approved entities noted in the procedures.

Dr. Savoie and Mr. LeBlanc discussed the recent state legislative special session and the possible implications to the University budget.

Dr. Bowie reviewed the enrollment numbers for summer and fall. Summer enrollment was up about 300 students from last year, or a 7 percent increase. That increase was attributed to graduate students increasing by 301 students. Bowie also discussed the state if the scholarship program and mentioned that he is asking consultants from Ruffalo Noel Levitz to review how we handle scholarships going forward. Noel Levitz will be the first item on the July 9 University Council meeting. Summer Commencement will be Friday, Aug. 3 at 9 a.m., which is an earlier time for summer only.

Dana Bekurs presented Convocation be held on August 21, the second day of classes in Cajundome. It will be academic in approach similar to Commencement. Bekurs presented how Convocation will be used as a catalyst for showing students how to move along their pathway, while engaging other students, faculty and staff as resources.

Dr. Jaimie Hebert will start as Provost on Monday, July 2. Dr. Parker said that faculty were pleased with the opportunity to meet with Dr. Herbert in the search process.

Dr. Danahar will be looking at ways how we can expand our distance learning programs, reviewing all academic programs, supporting the campaign and exploring a medical program.

Blohm announced that Julie Falgout has stepped down as the Foundation director in mid June. He is serving as the head of the Foundation and reorganizing the Foundation, Development, Alumni and Advancement Services staff and operations. He announced that the team has fundraised close to \$20 million in donations for the current fiscal year.

Cottonham and many staff members attended anti-hazing seminars last week. The discussion focus by experts was not only Greeks, but inclusive of other groups such as Athletics and the band. The Student Affairs staff will be sharing how to implement ideas from the sessions.

Mr. LeBlanc said that Auxiliary Services is looking at ways to improve meal plans and reduce costs to students. The RedZone bookstore is moving to Blackham Coliseum.

Dr. Mallory is working on a black alumni weekend in the spring, Feb. 22-24. It will include social and education components, and include student, faculty and staff interaction as well.