

# **Executive Council Minutes**

## **March 9, 2016**

**Present: Karla Hughes, Lisa Shemwell, Jay Jones, Peggy Doss, Jay Hughes, Linda Rushing, Bob Ware**

### 1. Academic Calendar and Holiday Calendar

The 2016-17 academic calendar was approved, with an adjustment on drop dates for Crossett and McGehee. The Council will review handouts and discuss the 2017-18 calendar at the next meeting.

### 2. Blackboard Update

Information was provided on the System-Wide Blackboard Contract detailing additional services. Priority pre-registration was discussed, which will give seniors and juniors an opportunity to enroll in classes first. A new housing registration was also discussed, that allows students to register online for housing.

### 3. Discussion on Stoles at Graduation

A proposal submitted by the Student Government Association regarding wearing organizational stoles at graduation. Dr. Hughes asked the Council for input and stated she will make the final decision.

### 4. Board of Visitors Agenda Preparation

A new format will be prepared for the Board of Visitors Meeting, which will include information of what will be relevant at each meeting time. At the April meeting, discussion will take place with the Board regarding budget, retention initiative, and tuition.

### 5. Strategic Planning—Core Values

Dr. Hughes provided her vision statement and stated that the Council will discuss strategic planning, as well as set core values.

### 6. Tuition Discussion

Factors that have an important role in making tuition and fee recommendations were discussed.

### 7. Important Dates to Remember:

- Preregistration – April 4 – 15
- Board of Visitors Meeting – April 14
- Commencement – May 6