

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

The Academic Council met at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2002, in the Deans' Conference

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hughes MOVED approval of the agenda, Professor Tolbert SECONDED the motion, and the agenda was APPROVED.

Approval of the Minutes of the September 4 Meeting

Dr. Harris MOVED approval of the minutes of the September 4 meeting. Dr. Darvennes

SECONDED the motion, and the minutes were APPROVED as posted on the web site.

Review of Freshman Progress Reports

Professor Tolbert provided a brief history of the Freshman Progress Report, which began as the Mid-term Progress Report in 1995 and which called for periodic reviews by the Council. Information distributed prior to the meeting indicated a rise in the number of faculty reporting to the current level of about 76 percent. Dr. O'Connor MOVED to continue the Freshman Progress Report as it is, and Mr. Hughes SECONDED the motion. It was clarified that the motion did not include a time limit. The motion CARRIED by a unanimous vote.

Professor Tolbert stated that this issue is over, but the issue of how to be more assistive to first-year students will be brought to the Council at a later meeting. Dr. Barker said we should be doing everything we can to raise our retention rate from the current 71 or 72 percent not only because THEC is looking at changing the funding formula by moving from numbers to retention, but because it demonstrates that we are

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