DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
Minutes

Meeting date: May 11, 2026

Members in attendance: Dr. Eddie Lovin, Dr. Joe Childs, Dr. Curtis Coleman, Dr. Edwin Craft, Dr. Leslie Griffin, Ms. Tijuana Harris, Mr. Mike Kinnison, Dr. Suzette Matthews, Ms. Collins Phelps, Ms. Sydney Pittman, Ms. Fawn Ussery, Dr. Merideth Van Namen, Dr. Jon Westfall, and Ms. Kelli Williams (recorder – Ms. Claire Cole)

Members not in attendance: Dr. Vicki Bingham, Ms. Tameka Curry-Bryant, Ms. Evelyn Greer, Ms. Freddie Watt

Guests: Mr. Murat Gur and Mr. Ray Wolfe

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the University Leadership Council was held in Room 302A of the H. L. Nowell Union on May 11, 2026. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Lovin presiding.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Dr. Matthews and seconded by Dr. Coleman, all University Leadership Council Members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on March 2, 2026.

BUSINESS

Action

Access to University Information Technology Resources policy (revised – first reading)..... Dr. Craft

Dr. Craft brought the revised Access to University Information Technology Resources policy to the University Leadership Council for review and approval. Delta State University provides access to University owned technology resources for the purposes of learning, service, and research whose use is consistent with the mission and purpose of the University. Use of University technology resources must comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the Mississippi Public Records Act, applicable records retention requirements, litigation hold obligations, and all applicable IHL Board policies and University information security standards. All University records, including electronic communications and files, are subject to applicable records retention schedules, litigation hold requirements, and the Mississippi Public Records Act. Employees shall not delete, alter, remove, destroy, or copy University records or data in violation of law, litigation hold notice, or University policy. Users of University systems have no expectation of privacy in information stored on, transmitted through, or created using University technology resources. The University reserves the right to access, review, monitor, audit, preserve, and disclose information on its systems as permitted or required by law, including for purposes of compliance, public records requests, litigation, investigations, and institutional operations.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Craft to approve the Access to University Information Technology Resources policy for a first reading and seconded by Dr. Matthews. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Structure policy (revised – first reading) ..... Dr. Lovin

Dr. Lovin brought the revised Administrative Structure policy to the University Leadership Council for review and approval. Delta State University and its operations are governed locally by the President's Cabinet, which is determined by the President and is composed of the university's senior leadership, as well as representatives from the student body, faculty, and staff. Its members meet at least monthly to advise the president on official policies and procedures, processes, or regulations required for the operation of Delta State University. The University Leadership Council and Academic Council advise the President's Cabinet

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lovin to approve the Administrative Structure policy for a first reading and seconded by Dr. Matthews. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

- None

NEXT MEETING:

- Next Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.