

Academic Council Meeting
May 4, 2005
2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room A

Present: Mr. David Ray; Dr. Erin O'Neill; Dr. Michael Rosato; Dr. John Annulis; Dr. Jim Roiger; Dr. Larry Eustace; Dr. Debbie Bryant; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Louis James; Dr. Lynn Thompson; Dr. Vanneise Collins; Ms. Annette Hall; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Mr. Bob Ware; Reporter: Ms. Catherine Russell.

The Council approved the April 13, 2005 minutes.

Mr. Ray urged Council members to remind faculty to submit book orders in a timely manner.

The Council continued their previous discussion of Act 1014. The Council noted:

- Advising system needs improvement
- Faculty training needed
- The faculty would be held responsible for the quality of their advising
- Development of comprehensive degree audit sheets

Mr. Ray informed the Council that there would be a meeting with ADHE personnel and Chief Academic Officers and academic advising coordinators from 4 year institutions in May concerning Act 1014. Senator Gilbert Baker, co-sponsor of the original bill (HB 2459) will also be present. Mr. Ray expects to have additional information and interpretation of Act 1014 to share with the Council after the meeting with ADHE.

Mr. Ray informed the Council that each unit head would meet with him again to discuss their final budget.

The Council was asked to contact Dr. Eubanks if they had any corrections for the catalog.

The Council briefly discussed the progress being made for the May 13th Commencement. The Council discussed the policy which allows students who lack six or fewer hours in completing their degree to participate in the ceremony.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that annual reports were due by August 1.

Mr. Ray informed the Council that UAM operating hours would not change this summer as they had in the past. The hours would remind 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Ray shared with the Council a letter he had received from Thomas Quinn, Vice President of Academic Affairs at South Arkansas Community College; they planned to offer courses comprising the Associate of Arts degree in Lake Village starting the fall semester of 2005.

The Council adjourned at 4:00 p.m.