

**Academic Council Meeting**  
**February 22, 2006**  
**Library Conference Room A**  
**2:00 p.m.**

Present: Mr. David Ray; Dr. Debbie Bryant; Dr. Ranelle Eubanks; Dr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Louis James; Dr. Peggy Doss; Dr. Richard Kluender; Dr. Vanneise Collins, Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Mr. Gary Meggs; Dr. Larry Eustace; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Ms. Linda Rushing; Mr. Bob Ware; Lt. Col. Iverson Jackson; Mr. Andrew Cempa; Dr. Jack Lassiter; Reporter: Ms. Catherine Karnes.

The Council approved the February 8, 2006 minutes with a correction noted.

Dr. Lassiter addressed the Council on numerous campus matters and concerns. Dr. Lassiter noted that he supported Mr. Ray's comments during the last Academic Council meeting concerning the role and duty of faculty to recruit students to UAM. Dr. Lassiter discussed marketing and advertising possibilities for UAM and the cost related to each. Dr. Lassiter requested each unit review the new face of the UAM homepage and send him any suggestions for improvement. Dr. Lassiter shared with the Council a copy of the new UAM Arkansas license plate and explained that the personalized plate would soon be available. UAM will receive \$25 from each plate sold. Dr. Lassiter addressed legislative issues such as the funding formula and how it related to UAM. Dr. Lassiter discussed the campus salary study and the UAM proposal to increase tuition and fees. Dr. Lassiter reminded Council members that budget hearings will be limited to 30 minutes each. Dr. Lassiter invited all Council members to see and utilize the newly renovated MCB auditorium. Dr. Lassiter informed the Council that a campus-wide committee was developing a catastrophic leave policy for faculty. The Council discussed the computer inventory and plans to replace computers on a rotating basis. Mr. Ray will provide the Council with a copy of the inventory list for their review. Dr. Lassiter reminded the Council that Representative Allen Maxwell has arranged for four joint legislative committees to meet on campus on February 27 and 28. Approximately 80 legislators and representatives of the Cornerstone Coalition are expected to attend these informational meetings. The Monday, February 27, meeting will focus on the economic impact of the forest industry on the state and the opportunity to produce biofuel from wood. The Tuesday, February 28, meeting will focus on the state highway system and plans for future development of roadways in south Arkansas. The meeting on Monday will begin at 1:30 p.m., and the Tuesday meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. The meetings are open to the public. Dr. Lassiter briefly updated the Council on progress being made concerning the Master Plan for UAM. Dr. Lassiter thanked the members of the Academic Council for their excellent work and contributions to UAM.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with the revision to UAM's State Minimum Core Curricula. Mr. Ray noted that the changes were made at the request of ADHE.

Mr. Ray reminded Council members of the discussion the Council had on February 23, 2005 concerning student absences due to participation in university sponsored events. Mr. Ray acknowledged the responsibility of the student and of the sponsor but his main concern was with the responsibility of faculty. Mr. Ray emphasized strongly that it is the expectation of administration that faculty allow students to make up course work and tests missed due to participation in university sponsored events. Mr. Ray stipulated that it was the responsibility of unit heads to ensure that faculty were aware of the administration's expectation concerning the matter. Mr. Ray noted that he expected unit heads to review all course syllabi for any reference to student absences due to participation in university sponsored events to verify that such references were within policy.

The Council reviewed the following new Operating Procedures:

- Operating Procedure 250.4 – Web Page Policy
- Operating Procedure 520.5 – Graduate Assistantships.

The Council briefly discussed the new UAM homepage.

Mr. Ray reviewed ADHE's instructions for changes to the 10-year Program Review schedule.

Mr. Ray requested that each unit forward their Emergency Plan to Dr. Eubanks.

Mr. Ray informed the Council that the C & S proposals concerning Act 1014 (eight semester rule) would be forwarded to Dr. Stark.

The Council adjourned at 4:15 p.m.