

Academic Council Minutes
April 12, 2006
2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room A

Present: Mr. David Ray; Dr. Debbie Bryant; Dr. Ranelle Eubanks; Mr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Peggy Doss; Dr. Phillip Tappe; Dr. John Annulis; Dr. Dorothy Everts; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Dr. Paul Becker; Dr. Larry Eustace; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Ms. Linda Rushing; Mr. Bob Ware; Lt. Col. Iverson Jackson; Dr. Jack Lassiter; Dr. Mark Davis; Dr. Clay Brown; Ms. Linda Yeiser; Mrs. Debbie Gasaway; Mr. Alvy Early.
Reporter: Ms. Catherine Karnes.

The Council approved the March 8, 2006 minutes.

Mr. Ray welcomed Dr. Lassiter and several guests to the Academic Council meeting and then turned the floor over to Dr. Lassiter.

Dr. Lassiter reminded the Council members to take advantage of his invitation to lodge candidates in the Chancellor's home. Dr. Lassiter addressed concerns with the increased degree and course offerings by out-of-state institutions. Dr. Lassiter encouraged academic units to stay abreast of the future employment needs for our area and to look for opportunities to match degrees and education with those needs. Dr. Lassiter discussed the budget and funding formula process with the Council. Dr. Lassiter noted that units had done an excellent job in their budget presentations.

Ms. Yeiser suggested the Council consider a change in UAM's commencement recessional. The Council approved the change which would have faculty line up in two lines at the conclusion of commencement to allow graduates to file through the line to receive final congratulations from the faculty.

Dr. Eubanks reviewed the process and forms necessary for advisors and unit heads to follow during the registration of first-time freshmen for the fall. Due to ACT 1014 all first-time freshmen must submit a signed acceptance of an 8-semester course of study or a waiver of the 8-semester course of study. The Council reviewed the dates and times of the upcoming faculty training on April 17th and 18th. The council noted the required publication of programs of study in the catalog, departmental publications and university website.

Mr. Ray announced that the Council would meet on April 19 and that the Academic Council meeting for April 26th would be cancelled.

Mr. Ray tabled all other agenda items and the Council adjourned at 4:40.