

Academic Council Minutes
May 18, 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. Richard Kluender; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Dr. Larry Eustace; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Mr. Bob Ware; Lt. Col. Iverson Jackson; Dr. Jack Lassiter; Ms. Debbie Gasaway; Dr. Clay Brown and Mr. Alvy Early. Reporter: Ms. Catherine Karnes.

The Council approved the April 19, 2006 minutes.

Dr. Lassiter and Ms. Gasaway reviewed the 06-07 Budget process. Unit Heads were requested to review the material provided to them and return a section of the material to Ms. Gasaway by Monday, May 22. Dr. Lassiter encouraged Unit Heads to contact Ms. Gasaway, Mr. Ray or himself with any questions or concerns that they may have.

The Council voted to approve the Spring break 07 as March 12-16. These dates are printed in the 05-07 catalog.

Mr. Ray requested Academic Unit Heads to remind their faculty that it is a violation of FERPA to have a public display of grades using any part of a student's social security or ID number. Only secure numbers/codes known only to the student and the instructor are allowed. Students must be given the opportunity to refuse having grades posted publicly.

Mr. Ray reviewed the procedure for resignation, retirement and termination of faculty. Unit heads should forward a copy of the resignation letter, the unit head's letter of acceptance and the PAF to the Provost. If the position is to be refilled, the unit head should also forward the Request to Hire and job description to the Provost. Unit heads are responsible for providing the terminating faculty member with a copy of the Termination Clearance Form.

The Academic Council approved as appended a C & S proposal to modify the current Credit by Academic Unit Examination policy.

Mr. Ray announced the merger of the Division of Music into the School of Arts and Humanities.

Mr. Ray announced the following appointments:

School of Mathematical and Natural Science

Dr. Morris Bramlett – Assistant Dean for Science

Dr. Carol Efird – Assistant Dean for Mathematics

School of Forest Resources

Dr. Philip Tappe – Associate Dean

Associate Director of Arkansas Forest Resource Center

Dr. Eubanks provided the Council with data comparisons of the end of semester standing for students placed on:

Dean's List

Continuing Conditional Standing

Removed from Conditional Standing

Placed on one year suspension

Failed math

Failed English

Failed math and English

Placed on Conditional Standing

Placed on one semester suspension

The Council adjourned at 4:10 p.m.