Present: Mr. David Ray; Dr. Jack Lassiter; Ms. Debbie Bryant; Dr. Ranelle Eubanks; Mr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Louis James, Dr. Peggy Doss; Dr. Philip Tappe; Dr. John Annulis; Dr. Vanneise Collins; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Ms. Annette Hall; Dr. Larry Eustace; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Ms. Linda Rushing; Mr. Bob Ware; LTC Iverson Jackson; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

Dr. Lassiter thanked the Unit Heads for all of their hard work. He remarked that Early College High School next year will only serve the 13 area schools, leaving an enrollment deficient of 200-300 students which will need to be recruited by academic units. Student retention will be an issue looked at by the Legislature.

The Council approved the November 15, 2006 minutes.

Dr. Eubanks told the Council that proposals from all higher education institutions for Role and Scope were rejected by the ADHE Coordinating Board.

Mr. Ray stated that the ADHE Arkansas Course Transfer System became active on the ADHE website December 1.

Mr. Ray discussed with the Council that some private scholarships are not being used. He encouraged Unit Heads to award scholarships to the best qualified student and call Linda Yieser if there were questions.

Dr. Doss discussed with the Council Pathwise training available through the Southeast Arkansas Education Co-Op.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with an Adjunct Faculty Service Record form to record adjunct pay. He asked Unit Heads to maintain this form in their office on each adjunct.

The Council discussed C & S proposals from UAM Colleges of Technology at Crossett and McGehee for the welding and hospitality services program.

Mr. Ray gave an update on the 07-09 catalog. The university will purchase 12,000 copies of UAM 07-09 catalog: 5,000 hard copies and 7,000 DVDs.

Ms. Sandra Campbell, Academic Council representative, gave the Council a report on the Curriculum and Standards Committee. Mr. Ray thanked Ms. Sandra Campbell for serving on Curriculum and Standards Committee.
Dr. Eubanks asked the Unit Heads to send her a complete copy of their unit’s 07-09 catalog information.

Mr. Ray stated that the new chair of the Human Subjects Committee is Dr. Allen Redmon.

Mr. Ray stated that the Animal Use and Care Committee approved three proposals in the fall semester.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that December 15 is the deadline for Promotion and Tenure data.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of the deadline to post grades to the Registrar’s office and that each faculty should leave a phone number where they can be reached over the Christmas holidays.

The next scheduled meeting of the Academic Council will be January 24 in the Library Conference Room A at 2:00 p.m.

The Council adjourned at 3:45 p.m.