

Academic Council Minutes
May 2, 2007
2:00 p.m.
Library Conf. Room A

Present: Mr. David Ray; Dr. Debbie Bryant; Dr. Ranelle Eubanks; Mr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Louis James, Dr. Richard Kluender; Dr. John Annulis; Dr. Vanneise Collins; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Ms. Annette Hall; Ms. Pamela Gouner; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Ms. Linda Rushing; LTC Iverson Jackson; Guest: Mr. Bobby Hoyle; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The Council approved the April 18, 2007 minutes.

Mr. Ray welcomed Mr. Bobby Hoyle to the Council meeting.

Mr. Hoyle discussed with the Council the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network (ARE_ON). It is a new education and research fiber optic network that will span the state of Arkansas and join with surrounding states to form a regional optical network. The ARE_ON network will connect to national and international research networks such as the National LambdaRail (NLR) and the new Internet2 (I2) network.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that Nursing would be moving into the Red Barn. Dial 1069 to call nursing faculty.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that UAM Self-Evaluations (S.W.O.T.) are due June 1.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that both the Annual Report and the Assessment Report are due to his office by August 1st. Dr. Eubanks provided the Council with a copy of guiding questions for the Annual Assessment Report. The Council was asked to submit a hard copy to Provost Ray, an email link to Dr. Eubanks and to post to their units website by the deadline. Dr. Bryant informed the Council members that the information provided by the Registrar's Office would be available shortly. Dr. Eubanks stated that CASAA will compare Annual Assessment Reports from last year.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of freshman pre-registration on June 25-26 and July 17-18. Unit Heads were reminded to have as many faculty members as possible to work the advising tables.

Mr. Ray discussed that all faculty members are due back on August 13, 2007. He stated that Faculty Development Week would be similar to last year. Mr. Ray asked the Council to send request on speakers or any ideas to him by email.

Dr. Eubanks discussed with the Council that some faculty are using old editions of textbooks with an explanation that students can order books thru Amazon.com. Students have problem ordering books due to no credit card and Financial Aid. Dr. Eubanks reminded the Council of new deadline for the Act 175 concerning the Textbook Adoption Form.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that they should begin assembling for Commencement at 9:30 a.m. in the Harris Hall parking lot.

Mr. Ray discussed with the Council that a copy of the catalog sections catalog would be sent to each unit to review and make changes. Please return changes to Dr. Eubanks by May 8th.

Mr. Ray announced that LTC Iverson Jackson would be leaving UAM effective immediately. He thanked LTC Jackson for all of his hard work for the University.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of request to take final exams early. This form must be signed by instructor, Unit Head and Provost Ray.

The Council adjourned at 3:20 p.m.