

Academic Council Minutes
June 6, 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. Peggy Doss; Dr. Phil Tappe; Dr. John Annulis; Dr. Vanneise Collins; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Ms. Annette Hall; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Mr. Bob Ware; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The Council approved the May 2, 2007 minutes.

Mr. Ray announced to the Council that Dr. Vanneise Collins would be leaving the University on June 30th. He thanked Dr. Collins for her hard work for the University.

Mr. Ray welcomed Dr. Morris Bramlett to the Academic Council. Dr. Bramlett will be the new Dean for the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences effective July 1.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of letter from the College Board concerning the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). The College Board has provided a copy the CLEP Recommended Credit-Granting Scores (B- and C-level). The Council approved to adopt the C-level score as our credit-granting standard.

Mr. Ray asked each unit if they still offered honors courses/program. He asked the Council if UAM should re-develop the program.

Mr. Ray stated that he would like to see UAM offer a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree. He asked the Council for feedback before he proceeds with the program. Mr. Ray will set up a committee to review the probability of offering a Liberal Arts degree.

Mr. Ray discussed with the Council the building projects for Wells Hall, Sorrells Hall and BBC. He stated that renovation was six weeks behind, that he expected completion of Wells Hall and Sorrells Hall in December 2008.

Mr. Ray asked Unit Heads to send an email to "netlist" for items (furniture, equipment, etc.) no longer used before sending the item to M&R.

Mr. Ray stated that because Maintenance Department was overloaded some work orders may be put on HOLD. If a unit has immediate needs please call Provost Ray.

Mr. Ray asked the Council to think of ways to save money or cut costs, that next year's budget would be tight.

Mr. Ray told the Council that the UAM catalog 07-09 has been ordered and the catalog is available on-line.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council members of the dates and times of the upcoming pre-registration events in June and July. Unit Heads were reminded to have as many faculty members as possible to work the advising tables.

Dr. Debbie Bryant discussed with the Council the enrollment numbers for Summer I 2007.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of commencement at Crossett on June 21 and McGehee at the Monticello campus on June 22. He encouraged all faculty and staff to attend.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that both the Annual Report and the Assessment Report are due to his office by August 1.

The Council adjourned at 3:35 p.m.