

Academic Council Minutes
August 1, 2007
2:00 p.m.
Library Conf. Room A

Present: Dr. Jack Lassiter; Mr. David Ray; Dr. Debbie Bryant; Dr. Ranelle Eubanks; Mr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Louis James, Dr. Peggy Doss; Dr. Richard Kluender; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Dr. Richard Clubb; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Ms. Pamela Gouner; Ms. Mary Heady; LTC Colonel Kenneth Cole; Guest: Master Sergeant Horne; Sergeant First Class Johnson; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

Mr. Ray introduced Colonel Cole as a new member of the Academic Council. Colonel Cole introduced his ROTC staff: Master Sergeant Horne and Sergeant First Class Johnson. Colonel Cole stated that enrollment in the ROTC program has doubled since last year, and he expects continued growth.

Dr. Lassiter provided the Council with a copy of the Professional Development Week 2007 activities. During PDW the University will try two new programs: 1) Thursday Talk (which will be changed to Tuesday Talk); 2) New York Times Readership Program. He stated that Thursday and Friday will be left open for units to work with their faculty.

Dr. Lassiter stated that renovation of Wells Hall and Sorrells Hall will begin shortly and should be completed in fall 2008. Dr. Lassiter said that talks will begin on Phrase II of the Master Plan shortly.

Dr. Lassiter discussed that the three-year plan (computer labs) will be completed this year. Dr. Lassiter stated that the computer labs may go to a four year rotation to include two additional labs.

Dr. Lassiter stated that freshman enrollment for fall is 100 students behind last year. Dr. Lassiter suggested that we find out from students what they need and want from the University.

The Council approved the August 1, 2007 minutes.

Mr. Ray reminded Council members of the upcoming Academic Appeals on August 20.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council how important it is that faculty and staff be available for schedule changes on August 13 and August 20.

Dr. Bryant stated that students are to finalize bills on August 13. Students who do not finalize their bill will be dropped from class sometime between August 13 – 20.

Mr. Ray stated that Faculty Development Funds have been allocated to each unit. Mr. Ray reminded the Unit Heads that money is to be used for faculty only.

Dr. Debbie Bryant stated that it was important for faculty to complete the Enrollment Verification Rosters in a timely manner.

Mr. Ray provided the UAM Operating Procedure 340.4 Re: Travel Between UAM Locations. He asked Unit Heads to review the procedure.

Mr. Ray discussed the incentive pay for developing an on-line and CIV class. Mr. Ray stated there was a problem with faculty not using the Web-CT program. Mr. Ray stated that all faculty should begin using the Web-CT by January 2008.

Mr. Ray announced that Dr. Trey Berry has accepted the position of Dean of School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and will be starting on August 13. Mr. Ray stated that Dr. Rick Clubb has done an outstanding job as Interim Dean and appreciates his hard work.

Mr. Ray distributed to the Council a copy of the 2007-09 UAM Catalog. Each unit is to come by Academic Affairs to pickup catalogs for faculty and staff.

Mr. Ray discussed with the Council the upcoming dates for Parent/Appreciation Day on September 22 and Homecoming on October 13.

Mr. Ray announced that he is still waiting on names of faculty to serve on the committee to develop a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree.

Mr. Ray announced that Unit Heads will introduce new faculty and staff during PDW. He encouraged faculty and staff to attend the Thursday Talk in the Capitol Room.

The Council adjourned at 3:50 p.m.