

Academic Council Minutes
September 12, 2007
2:00 p.m.
HH Chamberlin Forest Resources Center Complex
Conference Center – Room 145

Present: Mr. David Ray; Dr. Debbie Bryant; Dr. Ranelle Eubanks; Mr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Louis James, Dr. Richard Kluender; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Dr. Trey Berry; Dr. Jim Roiger; Ms. Annette Hall; Ms. Pamela Gouner; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Ms. Linda Rushing; Mr. Bob Ware; Guest: Dr. Jack Lassiter; Mr. Jay Jones; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The Council approved the August 29, 2007 minutes with a correction.

Mr. Ray thanked Dr. Kluender for inviting the Council to meet in the Forest Resources Complex.

Dr. Kluender made a Power Point presentation detailing the different programs under the umbrella of the Arkansas Forest Resources Center Cooperative Extension Program.

Mr. Ray encouraged all Unit Heads to attend the Arkansas Dean's Association Annual meeting to be held at University of Central Arkansas on October 1.

Mr. Ray noted there were some concerns about students not being able to use the computers in the Library & Technology Center Lab and other designated computer labs for academic purposes due to some students using Facebook and My Space. The Council suggested that the Lab Monitor enforce the I.T. policy on computer usage. There was some discussion about blocking Facebook on the UAM campus.

Dr. Roiger discussed offering one-or two-credit courses in Special Topics to help students who need one or two additional credits for the semester.

Mr. Ray stated that ADHE would have an on-line site on child maltreatment training available for use very soon.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of the procedure and forms required for Student Absences due to Participation in University-Sponsored Events. He asked that a one-week notice be given if at all possible.

Dr. Lassiter briefly reviewed the Salary Equity Proposal.

Mr. Ray announced that Dr. Trey Berry would be the Academic Affairs representative for Curriculum and Standards 2007-08.

Mr. Ray announced the committee to determine Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree.

Arts & Humanities	Mr. Mark Spencer, Dr. Lesly Jean-Francois, Mr. Les Pack
Math & Natural Sciences	Dr. Martha Baskett, Dr. Charles Dolberry, Dr. Karen Fawley
Social & Behavioral Sciences	Dr. Trey Berry, Dr. Dorothy Everts
College of Technology-McGehee	Ms. Rhonda Williams
College of Technology-Crossett	Ms. Rubye Graham-Emerson
Chair	Dr. Ranelle Eubanks
Ex-Officio	Mr. R. David Ray

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of the upcoming dates:

Parent/Appreciation Day, September 22

Notify faculty of the timetables for Annual Evaluation, October 1

UAM Homecoming, October 13

Promotion and Tenure, December 1

The Council discussed the policy of graduation under a particular catalog. Under the current catalog a student has two options for degree completion. Dr. Debbie Bryant will submit a proposal. This will be placed on the AC agenda for September 26.

The Council adjourned at 4:15 p.m.