

**Academic Council Meeting**  
**October 21, 2008**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Library Conference Room A**

Present: 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. Trey Berry; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Ms. Annette Hall; Ms. Pamela Gouner; Ms. Sandra Campbell; MSG Jim Horne.

The minutes of October 8, 2008 were approved as written and distributed.

The Council discussed retention ideas. Arts and Humanities is sponsoring a "teaching grammar" workshop October 24, 2008. All faculty and Unit Heads are invited to attend.

Travel reimbursement was discussed by Provost Ray. He reiterated that the maximum for meals is not a per diem and the total amount is not generally expended except perhaps in out-of-state travel or travel to large cities. Ray suggested if several faculty were attending the same conference/meeting that consideration should be given to share lodging. Ray said he expected a judicious stewardship of monies and would not accept requests for additional travel monies if he had not previously seen this stewardship.

Provost Ray announced that we have received full accreditation from NACEP, the National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships.

Ray discussed the legislative audit findings regarding the Early College High School program.

Ray reported that the ADHE Coordinating Board had passed the proposed program viability policy to begin in 2010 which includes a three-year average degree award of 4 for technical programs; 6 for baccalaureate; 4 for masters; and 2 for doctoral programs. Exceptions to the policy include science, engineering, mathematics, mid-level education and foreign language. Ten-year program reviews will include 2 outside reviewers, one of whom must complete the review on site. Exceptions will be made for programs that hold a national accreditation/certification.

Ray noted the Bachelor of General Studies degree will be distributed to the Curriculum and Standards Committee on Monday, October 28. The Honors Program proposal will also move forward in C&S as previously presented.

The Council discussed C & S proposals from Education, UAM Colleges of Technology – McGehee, Forest Resources, Agriculture and Math & Natural Sciences. The Council approved all proposals.

Ray noted that at least 2 projectors are missing from Social and Behavioral Sciences and cautioned Unit Heads to be mindful of situations where thefts could easily occur.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.