

Academic Council Minutes
November 12, 2008
2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room-A

Present: Mr. David Ray; Mr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Louis James; Ms. Pamela Gouner; Ms. Linda Rushing; LTC Vincent Telfare; Dr. Donna Hunnicutt; Dr. Paul Francis; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Dr. Trey Berry; Dr. Jim Roiger; Mr. Bob Ware; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Ms. Carol Dolberry; Reporter: Dr. Ranelle Eubanks.

The minutes of October 21, 2008 were approved as written and distributed.

The Council discussed retention ideas. Nursing is writing a HERSA grant for the recruitment and retention of nursing students. Math faculty have written a new Intermediate Algebra textbook to be available in Spring 2009. All study trips for the spring semester are full.

Mr. Ray expressed concerns about the number of errors faculty are making when advising students. Ray encouraged faculty and unit heads to be cautious to ward off problems for students in later semesters.

Mr. Ray informed the Council that he asked the C & S Committee to remove the Honors Program from consideration.

The Council approved the revised IRB Policy.

Mr. Ray expressed appreciation for the number SURF grant applications sent to ADHE.

Mr. Ray discussed uses for the faculty development fund.

Mr. Ray asked the Unit Heads to review the online student evaluation form and let him know of any needed changes by Friday, November 14, 2008.

Mr. Ray emphasized the importance of getting time sheets and leave forms submitted promptly.

Mr. Ray requested that each unit encourage students to look at the Clinton School of Public Service as an option.

Mr. Ray asked the Unit Heads to facilitate and encourage the use of the NY Times as a teaching resource.

Curriculum modifications or additions were discussed in the areas of Academic Affairs, UAM Crossett, and the School of Business.

The Council explored changing the official date to drop with a guaranteed "W."

Mr. Ray discussed thefts occurring on campus and possible solutions.

Mr. Ray discussed upcoming dates with the Council; final grades are due December 15 at 10 a.m.

The Council adjourned at 3:40 p.m.