

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

Present: Mr. David Ray; Dr. Debbie Bryant; Mr. Mark Spencer; 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; Ms. Linda Rushing; Mr. Bob Ware; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The Council approved the February 27, 2008 minutes.

Mr. Ray asked the Council to describe important efforts to improve retention in their units. One unit is offering help sessions for students; another unit is mailing a series of letters to students throughout the semester.

The Council discussed the revised Honors Program. Mr. Ray stated that Dr. Lassiter supports the idea of UAM's Honors Program. Mr. Ray said that we would send C&S the proposal for the Honors Program, but it will have an effective date of fall 2009. The Council voted to waive the 10-day review. Mr. Ray suggested that Academic Council establish the Honors Council. The Honors Council would develop an Honors Handbook, classes, brochures, and start recruiting students. Mr. Ray stated he would ask for a \$1500 start up budget for the 09 Fiscal Year.

Dr. Debbie Bryant discussed the International Baccalaureate Program (IB). UAM has no policy regarding high school students who graduate from this program. Mr. Ray asked the Council to review the IB program for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with information on 21st Century Skills.

Mr. Ray reminded the Unit Heads to complete all Annual Faculty Evaluations as soon as possible.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of the deadline for expenditures using the 2008 M&O accounts, College Work study accounts and Faculty Development Fund.

The Council agreed to continue the subscription to *The New York Times*.

Mr. Ray announced that Dr. Kathy Berry had joined the Office of Advancement.

The Council discussed C & S proposals from Arts and Humanities (Division of Music), and Education. UAM College of Technology—Crossett and McGehee stated that the following proposals still require some revision in math and English requirements.

UAM College of Technology – Crossett and McGehee
Modify Practical Nursing – Technical Certificate
Modify Welding Technology – Technical Certificate

UAM College of Technology – McGehee

Modify Agriculture Technology – Technical Certificate

Modify Automotive Service Technology – Technical Certificate

Modify Business Technology – Technical Certificate

Modify Early Childhood Education – Technical Certificate

Modify Emergency Medical Technology Paramedic – Technical Certificate

The Council adjourned at 3:53 p.m.