

Academic Council Minutes
April 23, 2008
2:00 p.m.
Caucus Room

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; Ms. Linda Rushing; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The Council approved the April 9, 2008 minutes.

Ms. Debbie Gassaway distributed a copy of 09 budget personnel information and she asked that the Council review the information, sign and return all forms to the Provost's Office by noon April 28.

Mr. Ray announced that Dr. Lassiter called a meeting with Academic Council on April 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room A.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

Dr. Peggy Doss provided the Council will an update concerning the NCATE accreditation visit on March 7-10, 2009.

The Council reviewed the International Baccalaureate program and tabled the discussion until the fall.

Dr. Trey Berry stated that the C&S committee on April 22 disapproved the BLA proposal in its current form.

Mr. Ray discussed course enrollment limits for summer sessions indicating that we should be able to enroll the same number of students in class whether the class is offered in the spring, fall, or summer.

Mr. Ray asked each Unit Head to submit by email a list of faculty who are working during Summer I and II.

Mr. Ray stated that all faculty teaching online courses will be using Web CT by fall 2008.

Mr. Ray distributed commencement instructions and the processional list for faculty. He asked that faculty line up according to the processional list.

The Council discussed Administrative Withdrawals. By a show-of-hands vote, the Council approved the following proposal: Faculty members will not be able to administratively withdraw students from classes effective Summer I 2008.

Academic Affairs withdrew the proposal to C&S regarding completion of Comp II and College Algebra with a “C” or better.

Mr. Ray stated that UAM Self-Evaluations (SWOT) are due to the Provost by June 1.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that both the Annual Report and the Assessment Report are due to his office by August 1.

Mr. Ray stated:

(1) pre-registration is June 24-26 and July 15-17.

(2) all faculty members expected back on August 11, 2008.

The Council discussed and approved C & S proposals from UAM College of Technology-Crossett.

The Council adjourned at 3:50 p.m.