

**Academic Council Meeting
July 29, 2008
2:00 p.m.
Caucus Room**

Present: Mr. David Ray; Ms. Carol Dolberry (for Registrar's Office), 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; Mr. Bob Ware; LTC Vincent Telfare; Guests: Mr. Jay Jones and Mr. Bobby Hoyle; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The Council approved the July 9, 2008 minutes.

The Council discussed retention ideas. Mr. Ray stated that Ms. Crystal Ratliff will be providing Weevil Winners Forum, a training session for incoming new freshman, on July 30. Dr. Doss stated that the School of Education will be offering special topics course in reading this fall.

Mr. Bobby Hoyle updated the Council on the ARE_ON system. He stated that Mike Abbiatti, David Merrifield, and Bill Ashmore will be on campus August 21 to give UAM a progress report and to talk about opportunities associated with the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network.

Mr. Jay Jones updated the Council on the renovation to the Wells Hall and Sorrells Hall, Information Technology, and Press Box and new construction of practice facility. He talked about the administration software (Web CT 6.0).

Ms. Carol Dolberry discussed with the Council class scheduling for the spring. Mr. Ray suggested we should offer additional classes at night and weekend to increase our enrollment. Mr. Ray encouraged Unit Heads to begin working on class schedules for the Spring 2009 and summer school. When a faculty member resigns at the end of semester, please remove their name and use STAFF on the class schedule.

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

Mr. Ray requested that Unit Heads provide him by August 27 a summary of Faculty Development Fund activities for the 07/08 FY. Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of the Faculty Development Fund Request Form.

Mr. Ray reminded the Unit Heads that all faculty are to be in their offices on August 11 to assist students with schedule changes and questions.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of the Professional Development Week 2008 activities. Unit Heads will prepare a brief introduction of their new faculty for August 12. Mr. Ray asked that all faculty and professional staff should attend the workshop on Bridges Out of Poverty on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Ray announced that Mr. Mark Spencer would be the Academic Affairs representative for Curriculum and Standards 2008-09.

Dr. Ranelle Eubanks stated that the Early College High School Program currently has 436 students enrolled in the fall.

The Council adjourned at 4:00 p.m.