

**Academic Council Meeting
September 9, 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. Philip Tappe (for School of Forest Resources); 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; Master Sergeant Jim Horne (for ROTC); Guest: Dr. Clay Brown; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The Council approved the July 2, 2008 minutes.

Dr. Clay Brown discussed a new program that UAM has implemented called C.U.B.I.T. (College and University Behavioral Intervention Team). C.U.B.I.T. serves as an intervention program to counsel students with behavioral and/or mental health issues or disorders.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

Dr. Debbie Bryant provided the Council with the unofficial enrollment figures for Fall 2008 semester.

Mr. Ray stated that the Higher Learning Commission was adjusting its fee structure for fiscal year 2008-09 effective September 1, 2008.

The Council discussed recognition of honor societies at Commencement. This discussion will continue at the next Academic Council meeting on September 24.

Mr. Ray encouraged all Unit Heads to attend the AAPU Conference on October 5-7, 2008.

Mr. Ray mentioned the National Conference of Academic Deans meeting will be October 6.

Mr. Ray announced that UAM will be joining the Voluntary System for Accountability (VSA).

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of the Annual Evaluation timetable and asked each member to notify his/her faculty of the deadlines.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of the Promotion and Tenure schedule. He asked the Unit Heads to email him notification who would be seeking promotion and tenure this year.

The Council discussed the C & S proposal from Arts and Humanities to delete the Journalism Major effective in January 1, 2009. Mr. Ray stated that the Honors Program will be discussed by C&S this fall and that Academic Affairs was updating the Bachelor of Liberal Arts.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that curriculum proposal changes were due by October 1 for the new catalog. Each unit should make their changes no later than October 1.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of Highlights of the Higher Education Act of 2008.

Mr. Ray discussed with the Council Parent/Family Appreciation Day September 27 and Homecoming October 18.

Mr. Ray stated that "The New York Times" newspapers are being delivered to UAM. He encouraged all faculty and staff to use "The Times" in their classes.

The Council adjourned at 3:45 p.m.