

Academic Council Meeting
October 14, 2009
2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room A

Present: Mr. David Ray; Dr. Debbie Bryant, Dr. Ranelle Eubanks; Mr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Louis James; Dr. Peggy Doss; Dr. Phil Tappe; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Dr. Carol Strong; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Mr. Brian Hairston; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Ms Pamela Gouner; Ms. Misty Paschall; Guest: Dr. Jack Lassiter; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The September 23, 2009 minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Ray introduced Dr. Carol Strong, Interim Dean of School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, as the new member of the Academic Council.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

Dr. Lassiter stated that state revenue is the lowest in 20 years. Dr. Lassiter stated that UAM will not offer any new position at this time. Dr. Lassiter encouraged units to work together to offer new degrees and to simplify the names of course titles. Dr. Lassiter discussed Act 971 and stated that \$58 million was spent on remedial courses. Dr. Lassiter explained that the state lottery scholarship would require all remedial courses must be completed in first 30 hours. Dr. Lassiter talked about the construction project for School of Forest Resources. Dr. Lassiter stated that the stimulus money would be spent on all three campuses. Dr. Lassiter stated that UAM enrollment was up.

Mr. Ray encouraged units to share classrooms with other units. All units should fill out a request for Academic Facility Use Form and return to Dr. Debbie Bryant.

Mr. Ray stated that Textbook Adoption Forms for Spring 2010 are due to Mr. Billy Hogue on October 23. Mr. Hogue must have Textbook Adoption Forms posted on website by November 1.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with an update from the AAPU conference.

Dr. Morris Bramlett provided the Council with an update from the Dean's Conference in Conway.

The Council discussed the C & S proposals from Math and Natural Sciences, Education, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Academic Affairs and Nursing, and UAM Colleges of Technology at McGehee and Crossett. The Council agreed to waive the 10-day review on some proposals and all proposals were approved.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of the following deadlines:
Annual Faculty Evaluation and Post Tenure Review
Promotion and Tenure
Early Retirement of faculty

The Council discussed upcoming events.

The Council adjourned at 4:01 p.m.