

Academic Council Meeting
December 9, 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. Richard Kluender; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Dr. Carol Strong; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Mr. Brian Hairston; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Ms Pamela Gouner; Mr. Bob Ware; Ms. Misty Paschall; Ms. Linda Rushing; Guest: Dr. Jack Lassiter; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The November 18, 2009 minutes were approved as written.

Dr. Jack Lassiter stated that Jeter Hall will be razed to allow for the School of Forest Resources construction project. Some organizations now in Jeter Hall may be relocated in the Red Barn. Dr. Lassiter stated on December 15 the Executive Council and SE Ark Legislative Delegation would meet. Dr. Lassiter stated that students must have a 1.00 GPA to live in a residence hall effective Spring 2010.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

Mr. Ray updated the Council concerning Act 971, the exit exam for remedial courses.

Mr. Ray updated the Council concerning the Roger Phillips Transfer Policy (Act 182) that permits students who have earned an A.A., A.S., or A.A.T. degree to transfer to a four-year institution of higher education with all hours accepted by the four-year institution.

Mr. Ray stated that Higher Learning Commission had a job vacancy for Vice President for Accreditation Relations.

Mr. Ray stated that ADHE will notify Academic Affairs of programs not meeting viability threshold by January 8.

Mr. Ray encouraged Unit Heads to send a recruitment letter to every prospective student.

The Council discussed C & S proposals from Arts and Humanities, Academic Affairs, CIS, Nursing, UAM-CT at Crossett & McGehee and UAM-CT at McGehee. The proposal to modify CIS 2223 Microcomputer Applications was tabled. 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

Mr. Ray stated that there should be no student activities scheduled after December 13 due to the start of final exams.

Mr. Ray stated that grades are due on December 21 at 10:00 a.m. He reminded the Unit Heads to get phone numbers of faculty in case of any problems with grade report.

The Council adjourned at 4:20 p.m.