

**Academic Council Minutes**  
**February 11, 2009**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Library Conference Room A**

Present: Mr. David Ray; Dr. Debbie Bryant; Dr. Ranelle Eubanks; Mr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Peggy Doss; Dr. Richard Kluender; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Dr. Rick Clubb; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Ms. Leia O'Fallon; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Ms. Linda Rushing; Ms. Misty Paschall; LTC Vincent Telfare; Reporter: Rita Hyatt.

The minutes of January 28, 2009 were approved as written.

The Council discussed retention ideas. The library is expanding services by having a fax machine available for students. Arts and Humanities are identifying students who make between 16 and 18 on the English and reading sections of the ACT. A&H will provide an opportunity for these students to take the unit challenge exam.

Mr. Ray stated that no activities including meetings, social events, and fund raising-activities will be permitted to be scheduled in the 24 hours prior to the start of the official final exam period.

Mr. Ray stated that the Executive Council approved changes to the graduate faculty course load statement found in the faculty handbook.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that the first draft of the class schedule for Summer I 09, Summer II 09, and Fall 09 is due in the Registrar's Office on February 13.

Mr. Ray stated that Executive Council approved the 09-11 academic calendar. Dr. Debbie Bryant will prepare a C&S form for the academic calendar for 2009-11 and include a comment about Spring Break dates if SB 226 passes which would establish a common Spring Break for public schools.

Dr. Eubanks reminded Unit Heads that C&S proposals must be completed and signed before any changes are made to the 2009-11 catalog.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of highlights concerning the Arkansas state lottery. The scholarship component of the lottery was discussed.

Mr. Ray provided an update on other legislative bills.

The Council discussed C & S proposals from Nursing, Social & Behavioral Sciences, and Mathematics & Natural Sciences. The Council agreed to waive the 10-day review and approved all proposals.

Mr. Ray reviewed upcoming dates and set the next Academic Council meeting for February 25.

The Council adjourned at 4:30 p.m.