

Academic Council Minutes
April 15, 2009
9:30 a.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; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Dr. Trey Berry; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Ms. Pamela Gouner; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Ms. Misty Paschall;
Reporter: Rita Hyatt.

The minutes of March 25, 2009 were approved as written.

Mr. Ray encouraged Unit Heads to attend the Town Hall meeting with Congressman Mike Ross at 3:00 p.m. in the University Center.

Mr. Ray showed a presentation called "Did You Know?"

The Council discussed retention ideas.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of important upcoming dates: the Board of Trustees meeting on April 17, pre-registration ending on April 17, and Scholar's Day on April 27.

Mr. Ray announced that UAM is offering on-campus housing at no charge for Summer 09 for students completing 6 hours of coursework per summer term.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of the Final Exam Schedule for Spring 2009 and provided a copy of the Request to Take Final Exam Early for students. Mr. Ray stated that all classes are required to meet during the final exam period.

The Council discussed 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. The Council considered accepting the ADHE 35 hours of general education requirements and adding nine hours as part of supportive requirements for each major in the areas of social/sciences, humanities elective, and math/science/technology elective. The Council discussed the speech requirement as part of 35 hours of general education.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that the Annual Review of Faculty Performance is due on April 29, and the SWOT evaluation June 1.

Mr. Ray stated that Commencement 2009 would be May 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. on the west side of the Convoy Leslie Cotton Boll Stadium. He distributed commencement instructions, the processional list for faculty, and list of approved Honor Societies that can wear honor cords during commencement. Mr. Ray reminded the Council to assemble for Commencement at 9:00

a.m. in the Harris Hall parking lot. Faculty should line up according to the processional list (by rank alphabetically). Mr. Ray stated that all faculty are required to attend commencement; however, if a faculty member cannot attend, the Unit Head should send a request to the Provost for the faculty member to be excused.

Mr. Ray stated that Faculty Development Funds should be expended this year.

Mr. Ray stated that the visit to ULM campus has been postponed and will be rescheduled for June.

Mr. Ray provided an update on legislative bills and acts.

Mr. Ray stated that the Curriculum & Standards committee had completed all C&S proposals for Spring 2009.

Mr. Ray reviewed upcoming dates and set the next Academic Council meeting for April 29.

The Council adjourned at 11:35 a.m.