

Academic Council Meeting
February 3, 2010
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; Mr. Bob Ware; Ms. Misty Paschall; Ms. Linda Rushing; Reporter: Rita Hyatt.

The December 9, 2009 and January 20, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that the School of Nursing will have their NLNAC (National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission) accreditation visit on March 2-4, 2010. Ms. Pamela Gouner provided the Council with a schedule for NLNAC visit.

Mr. Ray discussed several academic advising concerns. Faculty members are expected to advise students that they must be continuously enrolled in the appropriate English and mathematics course(s) until General Education requirements are completed. Mr. Ray stated that it is expected that students will complete the General Education requirements within their first 60 hours. Mr. Ray asked that all faculty pay close attention to the needs of each student when advising.

Mr. Ray told the Council that Pell Grants will not pay for a student to repeat a course in which a passing grade was earned. A "D" is considered a passing grade although a "C" might be required to move to the next course.

Dr. Debbie Bryant stated that Spring 2010 enrollment was 3,474 students.

Dr. Debbie Bryant suggested that we review our policy concerning the requirements to obtain a second baccalaureate degree. She provided the Council with some suggestions from other institutions. Mr. Ray formed a committee (Dr. Carol Strong, Mr. Mark Spencer and Dr. Morris Bramlett) to make recommendations on regarding requirements to obtain a second baccalaureate degree. The committee will present a proposal at the March 17 Academic Council meeting.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that Weevil Welcome Days are set for February 5 and 8.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that Performance Evaluations for classified employees are due by February 15.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that requests for early retirement of faculty are due in the Provost's Office by March 1. Mr. Ray asked Unit Heads to notify him if any faculty are requesting early retirement.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of the Volunteerism Report due to Dr. Clay Brown by February 10.

Dr. Peggy Doss and Dr. Morris Bramlett discussed offering dual degrees with UCA in STEM education.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that the deadline for applying for private scholarships is March 1.

The Council discussed social networking among students and faculty.

Mr. Ray stated that all appeals for non-viable programs at UAM were approved until 2013 by ADHE.

Mr. Ray provided an update on the Coordinating Board meeting held January 29.

Mr. Ray reviewed upcoming dates and set the next Academic Council meeting for February 17.

The Council adjourned at 4:25 p.m.