

Academic Council Meeting
April 21, 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. Richard Kluender; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Dr. Carol Strong; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Mr. Brian Hairston; Dr. Marvin Fawley; Ms. Pamela Gouner; Mr. Bob Ware;
Guest: Dr. Jack Lassiter; Mr. Bryan Fendley; Reporter: Rita Hyatt.

Dr. Lassiter complimented the Council on their budget presentations and gave an update on the 2011 budget. He stated that the Board approved a 5.1% increase in tuition and fees effective July 1, 2010. UAM is still has one of the lowest tuition and fees for four-year institutions in Arkansas. Dr. Lassiter stated that the University would like to implement the following in 2011:

- 1) Fund the second half of a state-mandated pay increase for classified employees;
- 2) Provide a 2% salary increase for non-classified faculty and staff;
- 3) Fund the remaining 25% of the university salary study;
- 4) Absorb the 3% increase in health insurance premiums for all employees; and
- 5) Continue paying the federal minimum pay of \$7.25 to student workers.

Dr. Lassiter stated that the Pell Grant in FY 11 will be increased to a maximum of \$5,600.

Mr. Bryan Fendley discussed the change over to Blackboard in the Fall 2010. There will be no WebCT server beginning Fall 2010. Faculty and staff should download any information from WebCT that they may need in the future such as files, grades, emails, etc.

The April 7, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

Mr. Ray encouraged Unit Heads to complete the I.T. survey from Mr. Bobby Hoyle. After discussion, Mr. Ray will ask Hoyle to re-submit.

The Council continued its discussion on repeating courses and financial aid and voted to leave the current grading scale as is.

The Council tabled the discussion on Requirements for a Second Baccalaureate Degree until the Fall semester.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of the Final Exam Schedule for Spring 2010 and the Request to Take Final Exam Early form for students. All classes are required to meet during the final exam period.

Mr. Ray stated that commencement rehearsal will be Thursday, May 13 at 3:00 p.m. and Commencement will be Friday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Convoy Leslie Cotton Boll Stadium. He reminded the Council to assemble for Commencement at 9:00 a.m. in the Harris Hall parking lot. Mr. Ray distributed commencement instructions, processional list of faculty and list of approved Honor Societies that can wear honors cords during commencement. 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 the Library is asking to change policy effective July 1, 2010 concerning return of lost books:

Current Returned Lost Books Policy

If the book is returned within one year of the due date, the charges less the fines are credited to the borrower's account. If the book is not returned within one year from the due date, no credit is given.

Proposed Returned Lost Books Policy

If the book is returned within 30 days after the lost item is billed, the charges less the fines are credited to the borrower's account. If the book is not returned within 30 days after the lost item is billed, no credit is given.

The Council approved the Library's request to change policy.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of upcoming dates:

May 20-23 -- Arkansas Mission of Mercy (ArMOM) Free Dental Clinic

June 1 -- UAM Self-Evaluation (Administrative Position)

The next Academic Council meeting will be May 5.

The Council adjourned at 4:20 p.m.