

Academic Council Meeting
August 4, 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. Kelly Bryant; Mr. Brian Hairston; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Ms. Pamela Gouner; Mr. Bob Ware; Ms. Linda Rushing; Guest: Ms. Mary Whiting; Dr. Thomas Springer; Reporter: Rita Hyatt.

Mr. Ray introduced the newest member of the Council, Dr. Thomas Springer, Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Mr. Ray announced that Dr. Richard Kluender is retiring December 31, 2010.

The June 23, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

Ms. Mary Whiting gave the Council an update concerning WeevilNet and the Office of Admissions. She stated that it takes 37 minutes to process one application in WeevilNet. She asked that faculty and staff be patient during fall registration.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

- The Summer Incentive Program was discussed for developmental math courses in summer II.
- Arts and Humanities are offering a new edition of Fundamentals of English textbook.
- Math and Sciences has new Intermediate Algebra textbook by Mr. Lowell Lynde.

Dr. Eubanks provided the Council with an update from the AASCU meeting on the Red Balloon Project.

Mr. Ray asked the Council to be thinking about new ways to make changes to current programs or offer new degrees.

Dr. Eubanks asked if any unit that has laptop that could be used during registration to please take to I.T. so the machine can be checked.

Mr. Ray discussed continuing education.

Mr. Ray stated that faculty will have the option to test out of the child abuse training or faculty can attend the training during Professional Development Week.

Mr. Ray stated that all the Math and Sciences classrooms have air conditioning except for the auditorium. No faculty offices are cooled. Mr. Ray asked if any school has a vacant office space that can be used for temporary faculty office space to email Ms. Hyatt.

Mr. Ray asked the Deans to review the fall schedule for upcoming registration.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of the Professional Development week schedule.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with an update on the Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting.

Mr. Ray stated that Faculty Development Funds have been allocated to each unit.

Mr. Ray stated that Faculty Research funds are available now.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of the August 1 deadline for the following reports:

- 1) Annual Report
- 2) Assessment Report
- 3) Outside Employment Report
- 4) Retention Plan
- 5) Viability Report

Mr. Ray stated that all on-line courses should begin August 25, the first day of class.

The next Academic Council meeting will be September 1.

The Council adjourned at 4:12 p.m.