

Academic Council Meeting
October 25, 2011
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. Phil Tappe, Ms. Sandra Campbell, Dr. Tom Springer, Dr. Kelly Bryant, Mr. Brian Hairston, Dr. Morris Bramlett, Ms. Pam Gouner, Mr. Bob Ware, Ms. Linda Rushing, Guests: Dr. Jack Lassiter, Coach Chris Ratliff, Reporter: Rita Hyatt

Athletic Director Ratcliff provided a handout concerning the GradesFirst; and said that the Athletic Department had purchased a contract for three years. Scott Brezee or Amy Fenolia will send an email once a month to professors of student athletes asking for progress reports. Faculty will be asked to indicate if a student is at risk, the number of absences, their anticipated grade and comments.

Dr. Lassiter discussed performance funding.

The minutes of the October 12 meeting were approved.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

- Dr. Bramlett stated that ACT scores are not in line with math courses offered at UAM. He said the math department may suggest adding a third lower-level math course.

Mr. Ray asked Unit Heads to complete C&S proposals to reduce degrees to 120 hours as soon as possible because C&S Committee and Assembly approval is required. The last Assembly meeting is December 1. UAM must submit all degree changes to the Coordinating Board by February 2012. The Council was provided a revised copy of General Education Requirements and the Associate of Arts Degree checklist. Dr. Eubanks will email a copy of both forms to the Deans. Mr. Ray encouraged Deans to share information with their faculty and staff.

Dr. Eubanks reminded the Council that Textbook Adoption forms are due to Mr. Billy Hogue by October 27. Mr. Hogue must have textbook information posted to our website by noon November 1, including Special Topics and Independent Studies.

Dr. Debbie Bryant stated that Draft 3 of the spring class schedule will be submitted to Unit Heads within a few days.

The Council discussed C & S proposals from Academic Affairs, Forest Resources, Education, and Computer Information Systems. The Council agreed to waive the 10-day review on Computer Information Systems. The Council approved all proposals.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of deadlines for the following items:

- SURF Grant proposals are due November 1
- Early Retirement requests are due by November 1
- Annual Evaluation Deadlines
- Promotion and Tenure Deadlines

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

The next Academic Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room A.