

Academic Council Meeting  
March 9, 2011  
Library Conference Room A

Present: Mr. David Ray, Dr. Debbie Bryant; Dr. Ranelle Eubanks; Mr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Louis James; Dr. Jeff Longing; Dr. Phil Tappe; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Dr. Tom Springer; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Mr. Brian Hairston; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Mr. Bob Ware; Ms. Linda Rushing; Guests: Dr. Jack Lassiter and Athletic Director Chris Ratcliff; Reporter: Rita Hyatt.

The minutes of the February 23, 2011 minutes were approved.

Dr. Lassiter discussed legislative updates including Act 33, remediation and performance funding. Dr. Lassiter stated that Mr. Jay Jones and Ms. Debbie Gasaway would attend the Academic Council meeting on March 9 to explain the procedures for preparing the 2012 budget. He stated that each unit should come to the budget hearings prepared to talk about the needs of their unit. Dr. Lassiter stated that the Board of Trustees will meet on April 1 in the UAM Fine Arts Center. Dr. Lassiter stated that UAM will ask the Board to approve a \$9 increase in tuition and fees.

Mr. Ray stated that commencement will be divided into two ceremonies on May 13: 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Eubanks reported on the Graduation Task Force meeting for the UA-System.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

Mr. Ray asked that Unit Heads encourage faculty and staff to remind students of the February 25 deadline to apply for August and December graduation.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with an handout concerning the 2011 Annual Arkansas Undergraduate Research Conference set for April 1-2.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that Draft II of the class schedule will be sent out soon. Mr. Ray encouraged the Unit Heads to look at the schedule and offer more on-line, night, and weekend classes.

The Council discussed C & S proposals from School of Nursing. The Council agreed to waive the 10-day review and approved both proposals.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that the Annual Faculty Evaluations for Category 3 are due on February 28 in the Provost's Office.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that requests for early retirement of faculty are due in the Provost's Office by March 1.

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

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that the Performance Evaluation for classified employees has been changed to March 15.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that Textbook Adoption forms are due to Mr. Billy Hogue by March 15.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council that no activities including meetings, social events, and fund raising-activities will be permitted to be scheduled in the 24 hours prior to the start of the official final exam period.

The next Academic Council meeting will be April 13, 2011.

The Council adjourned at 3:40 p.m.