

Academic Council Meeting
February 22, 2012
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. Tom Springer, Dr. Kelly Bryant, Mr. Brian Hairston, Dr. Morris Bramlett, Dr. Laura Evans, Mr. Bob Ware, Ms. Linda Rushing, Guests: Dr. Jack Lassiter, Mr. Jay Jones, and Ms. Debbie Gasaway, Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

Mr. Jay Jones stated that all employees at the assistant chair/director level and above are required to file a Statement of Financial Interest (SFI) with the Secretary of State's office. Thus statement must be completed no later than March 1.

Mr. Jones stated that the University would start budget hearings for fiscal 2013 in March. The University is interested in each unit's needs and any changes to current budget.

Ms. Debbie Gasaway stated that all budgets will start with the original budget for 2012. Ms. Gasaway provided three forms for budget adjustments: Reallocation Requests, Reoccurring Requests, and One-Time Funding Requests. Everyone should bring eight (8) copies of your budget to the hearing; you will have 45 minutes to present your budget. The deadline to present the UAM budget to the UA System is April 30, and the UA Board of Trustees, May 30.

Dr. Lassiter provided the Council with a history of E and G Revenues from 2001 to 2011.

The minutes of the February 8 meeting were approved.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

- The CIS Student Organization hosted a Senior Citizens Computer Workshop.
- The School of Education will recognize outstanding interns.
- Crossett, McGehee, and Monticello math instructors host an open computer lab.

The Council continued discussing credit by experiential learning. It was noted that Ms. Susan Brewer, Director of Financial Aid said that students will not receive financial aid for experiential learning. Dr. Eubanks will adjust proposals for experiential learning based on the discussion and re-submit to the Council.

Dr. Morris Bramlett updated the Council on the on-line Student Evaluation of Teaching. The questions for the on-line evaluation will come from the University, unit and instructors. Ms. Crystal Ratliff will serve as the Director of the UAM Student Evaluation of Teaching program. CoursEval will let UAM participate in a pilot program this semester at no cost to the institution.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

The next Academic Council meeting will be Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 10:00 p.m. in Library Conference Room A.