

Academic Council Meeting
January 20, 2015
2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room A

Present: Dr. Jimmie Yeiser, Dr. Ranelle Eubanks, Dr. Rick Clubb, Mr. Mark Spencer, Dr. Louis James, Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Phil Tappe, Ms. Sandra Campbell, Dr. Laura Evans, Mr. Brian Hairston, Dr. Morris Bramlett, Ms. Linda Rushing, Ms. Carol Dolberry, Ms. Mary Whiting,
Guest: Mr. Jay Jones, and Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting were approved with minor changes.

Mr. Jones talked to the Council about changes in the Chancellor's Office. He encouraged Deans to begin working on budget presentations. The University will start budget hearings for fiscal 2016 in March. Academic Council and Executive Council will participate in a retreat to discuss the university's goals on Feb 4. He stated he would have an open door policy as the Interim Chancellor of UAM.

The Council discussed retention and recruitment ideas.

- Ms. Whiting stated that Weevil Welcome is scheduled for Feb. 6 & 9
- School of Education is looking at ACTS scores for prospective education majors.
- Dr. Bramlett asked if a list of recommended courses could be given for students with low ACTS scores.
- Mr. Hairston stated that we need a faster process for removing students from Blackboard after they drop an online course.

Dr. Yeiser provided a copy of retention efforts given by Academic Council and first four weeks early retention.

Ms. Whiting stated that the marketing committee approved a new slogan...#BEaWeevil.

Dr. Yeiser stated that faculty have been changing the textbooks required for current Spring 2015 courses without submitting a revised textbook form with a letter of justification.

Ms. Dolberry stated that census date is January 22. Please encourage faculty to print class rosters daily and report attendance. If a student's name is not on the class roster, the student should be sent to the Registrar's Office to enroll in the class.

The Council discussed C & S proposals from the Registrar's Office, Nursing, Academic Affairs, and Arts & Humanities. The Council agreed to waive the 10-day review and approved all of the proposals.

Dr. Yeiser reminded the Council of upcoming items:

2015 Who's Who Nominations due January 30

Statement of Financial Interest due January 31

Extra Income Reporting due January 31

Value of Volunteers Study due January 31

Annual Evaluation Deadlines

Weevil Welcome Days February 6 and 9

Performance Evaluations for classified employees due February 14

The next Academic Council meeting will be Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Library conference Room A.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.