

Academic Council Meeting
October 14, 2015
2:00 p.m.
Sandra Campbell Conference Room

Present: Dr. Jimmie Yeiser, Dr. Rick Clubb, Mr. Mark Spencer, Dr. Lou James, Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Phil Tappe, Mr. Dan Boice, Dr. Laura Evans, Dr. Kelly Bryant, Mr. Brian Hairston, Dr. Morris Bramlett, Mr. Bob Ware, Ms. Carol Dolberry, Ms. Mary Whiting, and Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The minutes of the September 23, 2015 meeting were approved.

The Council discussed retention and recruitment ideas.

- Ms. Whiting reminded the Council of the team recruitment event at the El Dorado Convention Center on November 10 at 6-8 p.m. She stated that all surrounding high schools and the SouthArk Community College have been invited to attend. There is no program for the event. Students will visit tables and gather information about UAM. Students are shopping for the best deal when it comes to college. Please call Ms. Whiting if you are interested in attending this event.
- Mark Spencer and Crystal Halley would like to have students mentors in the Writing Center assist students with general information (how to read class schedule, tell the student who their advisor is and where to find them).
- Mr. Mark Spencer stated that the 8-week Basic English had an 82% pass rate and the 8-week Fundamentals of English had a 100% pass rate.
- Dr. Bramlett stated that 30% of students in 8-week Introduction to Algebra moved to the next math course.
- Dr. James stated the School of Business would host their Annual Business Day during the morning of October 21 at the Fine Arts Center.
- Dr. Bramlett gave a lecture on how to study for his exam two days before the exam. He also asked students to complete a survey after the test (asking how many hours of studying and did they study in a group or alone)

Dr. Yeiser reminded the Council that October 28 is the last day to drop a regular course with the grade of "W."

Dr. Yeiser announced that the 1st Year Experience will meet on October 29 at 12:30 p.m. in the Agriculture Auditorium room 109.

Dr. Yeiser reminded the Council that Textbook Adoption forms are due to Mr. Billy Hogue by October 16. Mr. Hogue must have textbook information posted to our website by noon November 1.

Dr. Yeiser reminded the Council that preregistration for Spring 2016 will begin November 2 and will end November 13.

Dr. Yeiser stated that faculty course evaluation using Blackboard will begin November 9 and end November 30. All courses will be evaluated by students. Please call Ms. Halley if tenured faculty only want one course evaluated.

Dr. Yeiser stated that no activities including meetings, social events, and fund-raising activities are permitted in the 24 hours prior to the start of the official final exam period, which is December 7-11.

Dr. Yeiser stated that he had a request from the Greek/Non-Greek Organizations about wearing their sorority/fraternity chord during commencement ceremony. He asked the Council to discuss the request. Dr. Yeiser will appoint a committee to review this request.

The Council discussed C & S proposals from the Registrar's Office, Education, and Business. The Council agreed to waive the 10-day review for the Business proposals and approved all proposals.

Dr. Yeiser reminded the Council of the Annual Evaluation timetable and asked each member to notify his/her faculty of the deadlines.

Dr. Yeiser shared with the Council a copy of the Promotion and Tenure schedule.

Dr. Yeiser reminded the Council that requests for early retirement are due in the Provost's office by November 1.

The next Academic Council meeting will be Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sandra Campbell Conference Room inside the Taylor Library.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.