

Academic Council Meeting
February 17, 2016
2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room A

Present: Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Dale Bower, Dr. Rick Clubb, Mr. Mark Spencer, Dr. Rob Ficklin, Mr. Dan Boice, Dr. Laura Evans, Dr. Kelly Bryant, Mr. Brian Hairston, Dr. Morris Bramlett, Ms. Carol Dolberry, Ms. Mary Whiting, and Ms. Rita Hyatt. Guest: Ms. Laura Hughes, Mr. Jay Jones, Ms. Debbie Gasaway and Mr. Alex Becker.

Mr. Jones stated that the University would start budget hearings for fiscal 2017 in March. The University is interested on focusing the budget on student success.

Ms. Gasaway reminded the Council of the three forms for budget adjustments: Reallocation Requests, Reoccurring Requests, and One-Time Funding Requests. Any new requests will be based on the impact of student success. The budget hearings have been scheduled for March 14, 16, & 17 allowing 45 minutes for budget hearing. The deadline to present the UAM budget to the UA Board of Trustees, May 26.

The minutes of the February 12, 2016 meeting were approved.

Ms. Laura Hughes stated that November 20 is the last date to use Compass testing. The institution is looking in the possibility of using Accuplacer, ACT Aspire or Student Success Plan as the replacement test. We will have to determine our cut scores for the Accuplacer test. ADHE will not set the cut scores for the test. Ms. Hughes asked the Council to submit names of faculty and students to take the Accuplacer test by March 3. Dr. Bower will talk with Marla Strecker at ADHE to get more information on the Student Success Plan. The Council will continue this discuss at our next meeting.

Mr. Brian Hairston gave the council an update on the Preregistration Committee Report. Students need to see their advisor once one has been assigned to student. The Council has requested to move the January/August student registration out of Harris Hall and into faculty office space. Incoming freshman will still complete their registration for June/July in Harris Hall.

Dr. Doss stated that February 19 was the last day to apply for August and December graduation.

Dr. Doss reminded the Council that preregistration will begin April 4 for Summer/Fall and will end April 15.

Dr. Doss stated that March 16 is the last day to drop a session 1 class or withdraw from the term with a grade of "W".

Dr. Doss reminded the Council that spring break is March 21-25.

Ms. Dolberry stated that the class schedule posted to the web will be sorted with on-line classes and face-to-face classes are listed together by unit.

Ms. Dolberry discussed that some student will complete their degree in summer term and will want to participate in May commencement ceremony. Students may complete a request for exceptions must be initiated with the Dean of the academic unit under which the degree is housed and forward to the Provost for approval.

Ms. Dolberry asked what topics the faculty would like to have during a pre-registration training session on March 29 and 21.

- 1.) Test Scores
- 2.) Explain what a hold is on student's account.
- 3.) Sorting
- 4.) SWAP
- 5.) How to run an advisement report

Ms. Dolberry asked the Council to vote electronically on C&S proposal for the current calendar for 2016/2017.

The next Academic Council meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sandra Campbell Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.