

Academic Council Meeting
March 9, 2016
2:00 p.m.
Sandra Campbell Conference Room

Present: Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Dale Bower, Dr. Rick Clubb, Mr. Mark Spencer, Dr. Rob Ficklin, Mr. Dan Boice, Dr. Kelly Bryant, Mr. Brian Hairston, Dr. Morris Bramlett, Ms. Mary Whiting, and Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting were approved.

Dr. Doss asked for an update on getting faculty and students to complete the test for Accuplacer to determine our cut scores for the test. The Unit Heads had a phone conference with Dr. Marla Strecker at ADHE to get more information on the Student Success Plan.

Dr. Bower discussed the student success plan. She provided the Council with 7 items to be described in developing the student success plan. This will be a campus plan not an individual plan. The deadline for developing plan is May 1, 2016.

Dr. Doss stated that all faculty are required to attend the UAM Commencement Ceremony on May 6, 2016. She discussed the faculty attendance at graduation ceremony in May and December. That faculty could choose which ceremony they wanted to attend. She asked the Deans to ensure we had good attendance of faculty at both ceremonies.

Dr. Doss stated that all courses will have a Blackboard shell starting in the Fall 2016. Faculty will be encouraged to post homework assignments, lecture notes, syllabus, and use as another form of communication with the students.

Brian Hairston gave the council an update on the Preregistration Committee Report. He stated that Monday, April 4th be reserved for seniors, Tuesday, April 5 be reserved for juniors & seniors, then open registration for all classifications beginning on Wednesday, April 6. Ms. Dolberry will lock out all other students on April 4 and 5. Dr. Doss asked the Deans to encourage faculty to announce in classes the changes on pre-registration. Students will be sent Rave alerts, emails, tweets, etc. and hear radio ads designed to alert all students to the registration schedule.

Dr. Doss reminded the Council of the deadlines for the following reports.

SWOT due on June 1, 2016 to Chancellor's Office

Strategic Plan

Annual Assessment Report due on August 1

Annual Report due on August 1

Outside Employment due on August 1

~~Retention Plan~~ Delete this report

Viability Report due on August 1

~~Faculty Development Report~~ Delete this report

Dr. Doss reminded the Council that anything to be added to the University Calendar should be discussed at Academic Council and will be forwarded to Executive Council for final approval before it is placed on the calendar.

Dr. Doss reminded the Council of the following items:

- April 4-Preregistration for Summer and Fall begins (April 4-15)
- March 16-Last day to drop a session 1 class or withdraw from the term (not applicable to other sessions) Grade (s) will be W
- March 21-25 Spring Break

The next Academic Council meeting will be Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sandra Campbell Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.