ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Date: 4/19/01

Quorum: 65 present

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes:

Time for call to order: 3:15 p.m.

Motion for approval of minutes: Dr. Clubb

second: Dean Ray. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business: **please note (#2,B,#'s 2 & 5) & (#3,A,#1) below.

1) Committee Reports:

A. Academic Appeals: None

B. Curriculum & Standards: Dr. Clubb conveyed the following items of business: 1) Approval of an Honors Math & Science program; 2) Approval of the Academic Clemency Policy for students not enrolled for 3 or more years; 3) There was a restatement of both Gen. Studies and degree audit requirements; 4) the addition to BS identity requirements allowing 3 hours of CIS or CS to count toward the degree. Move to accept: Dr. Clubb, second Dean Ray. All of these actions were approved unanimously.

C. Nominating Committee: Dr. Nelson presented a list of candidates for the new Assembly offices and an election was held, with a breath-taking, nail-biting run off required to see who would hold the Vice-President's chair—no chads were counted. Those new officers are as follows: President, Dr. Mark Schmidt; Vice-President, Dr. Robert Moore; Secretary, Dr. Linda Webster who gave a brief but effective one-word acceptance speech; Parliamentarian, Dr. Rick Clubb whose overwhelming unanimous victory speaks so well for the high regard in which he is held on this campus.

D. Committee on Committees: Dr. Francis announced that the work of this committee has been completed and the results will be in your e-mail this morning.

E. Athletic, Teacher Education, Evaluation, Student Affairs, Library and Faculty Research
committees made no report. Those eager to serve on committees, please note.

2) Administrative Reports:

A. Dr. Vanneise Collins, Vice Chancellor Student Affairs:

1) 4/15 was national Alcohol Screening Day with 75 UAM students participating at 3 campus sites; 2) The Career Fair had 42 companies participating; 3) The UAM Greek organizations will defer their pledge drives to 2nd semester each year to allow for better freshman acclimation; 4) Looking for a Campus Counselor, please advertise; 5) Looking for 4 residence Directors with Masters Degrees, please advertise; 6) beginning July 1 UAM will offer the CLEP test on-line.

B. Dr. Mark Davis, Vice Chancellor Finance & Administration:

1) Tightening up on public safety regulations campus wide, both faculty and students; 2) TIAA_CREF reps will be on campus next week 4/25; 3) May 1st, discount of 20% (should have asked for more--my fault) on all soft goods at our Bookstore; 4) new street lights; 5) on 4/27 reps from CNA (long-term care) and Liberty Mutual (car and home) will be on campus for consultation; 6) James White was introduced as the new UAM Business Mgr.

C. Dr. Dennis Travis, Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs:

1) Listed new courses, degrees, and curriculums; 2) UAM involved with 6 different accreditations this past year; 3) North Central's accreditation visit is in 2004-05, & we are beginning now to prepare for it.

D. Dr. Fred Taylor, Chancellor:

1) Legislators left us a "small egg" for higher education--revenues were scrambled at best, hard boiled when it comes to new money ($450,000), and fried when it comes to teacher's salaries (2.6% raises); 2) UAM was the largest recipient of construction money thanks to Rep. George French; 3) Sen. Jeffries secured money for renovation of the Chem. Lab; 4) Rising Jr. exam retained with option to substitute; 5) SIS program funded by Sen. Scott for School of Forestry with soft money, has now obtained permanent funding as of its second year.
3) Adjournment:

A. Announcements: 1) e-mail Dr. Stewart today (Friday 4/20) with concerns for the UA Faculty Senate Presidents' meeting in Little Rock; 2) Alpha Chi Rookie of the Year recipient: Dr. Sri Nippani; Teacher of the Year: Dr. Guy Nelson; Teacher of the Decade: Dr. Kate "Molasses-tongued" Stewart. Heartfelt congratulations to these fine teachers!

B. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Unanimous, Dr. Rick Clubb

C. Time: 4:18 p.m.

D. Second: Mister 'Robert's Rules' Brezenski

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert Moore, Secretary of the Assembly--it has been an honor serving you this year.