UAM ASSEMBLY MEETING  
April 3, 2003  
3:15 P. M. MCB Auditorium

Quorum: Declared by Chair of the Assembly.

Old Business:

An amendment to the bylaws was presented by the Academic Appeals Committee. The amendment was circulated via e-mail prior to the meeting. There was a motion by Dr. Bryant to accept the amendment and a second by Dr. Skinner. In the discussion, Dr. Travis stated that his office would feel awkward explaining to students the details of the decision of the committee. Dr. Travis asked that he be able to refer students to the chair of the Academic Appeals Committee. This was questioned, but finally agreed upon. One question: Would students know immediately what the decision of the committee was and the circumstances on which the decision was based? The answer: Students are brought in to talk to the committee and/or chair and given, in writing, the details of the decision. Dr. Travis mentioned that the Academic Appeals Committee should draft both the form used by students prior to appealing and the letter that contains the decision. It was assured by various members of the committee that this is in progress. With no other discussion, the amendment passed.

New Business: SGA report

Brett Eckert, vice-president of SGA, gave the report. Mr. Eckert announced that SGA had received approval for a webpage. The SGA has also updated its constitution. The highlights of the updates: 1) clarified their mission, 2) organized their meetings, 3) allowed the president to fill any vacancies, 4) made vice-president in charge of SAB, 5) made treasurer responsible for finances of both SGA and SAB, 6) revised voting procedures.

Mr. Eckert also made a report on SAB. He announced that this is currently "Spring Fling" week and that the participation had been good. The SAB is also in the draft stage of landscaping the BBC and placing benches at various dorms. Some announcements from SAB:

SGA Elections–April 9-11
Greek Week–April 14-18
Poet–April 22
Student Appreciation Week–April 28-May 2
"Just a Minute"–April 30
Free food/study session in the Library–Finals week

A motion was made by Ms. Thompson to approve the report, a second by Dr. Clayton, and the motion passed.

Dr. Clay Brown, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Dr. Brown reported that Student Affairs is very concerned with students’ standards of conduct. The two areas of concern that Dr. Brown highlighted: physical/verbal abuse of faculty and staff, and drug use. The Student Affairs staff asked to amend the student handbook to include that physical/verbal abuse of faculty, staff or employee of UAM could result in expulsion. The staff also asked to amend the handbook to include expulsion as a possible punishment for the possession or selling of a felony amount of drugs.

There was much discussion on these requests. Dr. Doss assured the Assembly that lawyers have been consulted and this is in line with other state colleges and universities. Dr. Brown emphasized that verbal abuse or the threat of physical abuse may result in expulsion. However, the act of physical abuse against faculty, staff or employees of UAM would result in expulsion. Dr. Brown made his report in the form of a motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Watson. The motion passed.

Dr. Brown also reported that a new organization had petition Student Affairs to be recognized. Sigma Phi Sigma is a foreign language honor society to be sponsored by Charles Fleis. Dr. Brown gave a brief outline of the constitution. Another motion by Dr. Brown and the motion passed.

Curriculum & Standards

Dr. Marsha Clayton announced that C & S had met twice since the last Assembly meeting and had approved 16 proposals and tabled 1 proposal. The complete C & S report was distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Dr. Clayton made a motion to approve the committee’s report and that motion was seconded by Mr. Shores. The motion passed.

Announcements Dr. Becker reported that he had only received one draft of revised operating procedures from a committee. He again asked every committee to turn in a revised copy of their operating procedures.

Dr. Stewart, chair of the Assembly nominating committee, asked that anyone interested holding an office in the Assembly see her before the next Assembly meeting.

Dr. Becker announced that a musical would be held in the Fine Arts Center on April 10 & 11.

Ms. Hall announced that a concentration in Music Theater was approved by NASM.
Adjournment Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Clubb, seconded by Mr. Ruegger and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Efird