Assembly Minutes
November 2, 2006
MCB Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM. A quorum was determined, and Kate Stewart said a few words to welcome everyone. Since there was no Old Business, the Assembly moved on to the New Business at hand. It was announced that the assembly documents will soon be on the web page and stay updated.

At 3:33 the Assembly began to hear the Standing Committee Reports. Ron Sitton of the Academic Appeals announced thirty-four appeals. A total of seventeen were denied, fifteen accepted, and one had no action.

The Curriculum and Standards Committee chair Marsha Clayton presented for approval 65 proposals. There were 3 Proposals from Academic Affairs that clarified the catalogue, and four from Agriculture adding three classes and modifying some requirements. Arts and Humanities had 35 proposals changing various things in the Speech, English and Art majors and minors. CIS had one proposal to modify a course title and description. Education had 22 proposals to clarify and modify the Middle Childhood and P-4 Early Childhood majors. Social and Behavioral Sciences had a follow-up from last year’s Sociology Minor addition. In the proposal several courses were to be cross-listed within the department, and the specific cross-listings were approved. After a round of applause for the committee, the seconded motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

The Faculty Research Committee had no report.

Sandra Campbell announced several interesting things from the Library Committee beginning with their theme for the year Teamwork: Our Formula for Success. They also announced that the Circulation, Attendance and Interlibrary Loan of the Library all went up, and the new website is functioning well.

Peggy Doss presented the Teacher Education Committee report. She announced that the committee discussed changing the GPA requirements for entering the program from 2.75 to 2.65. She also mentioned that they were getting ready for the NCATE visit.

John Annullis presented for the Salary Study Committee for the Monticello campus. He reported that they are still working on it, and that most of the essential data had been gathered.

The Salary Study Committee from Crossett reported that they are working on it, but had nothing else to report.

At 3:45 the Administrative Reports began. Linda Rushing reported that Crossett was doing well, and they are working on creating a Hospitality Program in conjunction
with the McGehee COT. She also informed the Assembly that the Crossett Economic Development Foundation had set aside $10,000 for scholarships in the Welding Program.

Ranelle Eubanks presented the report from Academic Affairs. She reported on the Eight Semester Rule. 61 students signed up for the program and 11% are already disqualified. The total participants in this program are 7% of the student body. She also passed on David Ray’s appreciation for all the work in this catalogue year.

The Chancellor finished up the reports with reports from Advancement and his own Office. The University is beginning to get ready for the Centennial Campaign in 2009. He announced that the Athletic team did their drug tests, and none of the students were on drugs. He also complemented the Society of American Foresters on their victory at the annual Quiz Bowl competition, as well as the Debate and Forensics team on their taking First at one and Second at two of the three tournaments so far this year. He also stated that he thought the Salary Study would be done by the time that the budgets were started for next year.

At 4:06 the Assembly heard announcements. We were reminded to “Vote Early and Vote Often”. The Alpha Chi Initiation will be on November the 14th at 7 PM, and the Rockefeller Lecture Series is set for March the 28th when we will welcome Robert Kennedy Jr. to campus. A Faculty recital will be held on November 7th at 7:30 PM. It will include faculty from various departments on campus. And the Music Theatre Workshop will present “An Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan” on November 10th and 11th.

At 4:08 Chris Wright motioned to Adjourn and at least seven people seconded the motion. No further vote was needed.