

**Academic Council Meeting**  
**October 8, 2008**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Library Conference Room A**

Present: Mr. David Ray; Dr. Debbie Bryant, Dr. Ranelle Eubanks; Mr. Mark Spencer; Dr. Louis James; Dr. Peggy Doss; Dr. Richard Kluender; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Ms. Annette Hall; Ms. Pamela Gouner; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Ms. Linda Rushing; Mr. Bob Ware; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The Council approved the September 24, 2008 minutes.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

The Council was provided with a revised copy of the Bachelor of General Studies. Dr. Bryant asked the Council to review the changes on the BGS and email any changes to her by Monday, October 13. She will re-submit changes to Council by October 13 or 14. Mr. Ray asked the Council to vote electronically on the BGS by October 16. The Council approved to submit the BGS to the C&S committee as soon as possible.

Mr. Ray discussed putting a limit on the number of "Ws" a student can receive during his/her undergraduate career. He stated that in the future the legislature may possibly fund us by the number of completers in a course. The Council stated that the drop date needed to be moved up. We need to make students more responsible for their education.

Mr. Ray stated that the Honors Program was tabled by the C&S Committee until Fall 2008.

The Council discussed recognition of honor societies at commencement. The Council decided to leave Alpha Chi as the only recognized honor society at commencement. However, other recognized honor societies may wear cords.

Mr. Ray discussed anti-theft with the Council. Mr. Ray asked that Unit Heads remind faculty to secure all classroom equipment and personal items.

Dr. Debbie Bryant will remind the students and faculty that the eight-week courses end on Monday, October 13.

The Council discussed C & S proposals from Education, CIS, UAM Colleges of Technology – Crossett, Arts and Humanities, Business and Music. The Council approved all proposals.

Mr. Ray discussed upcoming dates with the Council.

The Council adjourned at 4:20 p.m.