

Academic Council Minutes
December 10, 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. Trey Berry; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Dr. Jim Roiger; Ms. Annette Hall; Ms. Pamela Gouner; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Ms. Linda Rushing; Mr. Bob Ware; Guest: Dr. Jack Lassiter; Dr. Clay Brown; Mr. Jay Jones; Ms. Debbie Gasaway; Coach Chris Ratcliff; Reporter: Rita Hyatt.

The minutes of November 12, 2008 were approved as written.

The Council discussed retention ideas. All of the Social and Behavioral Sciences study trips for the spring semester are full. Unit Heads sent out tips to faculty on how to improve student advising.

Dr. Lassiter addressed the Council on numerous campus matters. Dr. Lassiter stated there will be no release of funds from the legislature. Dr. Lassiter gave several scenarios for developing next year's budget as well as reallocation of funds for redistribution. Dr. Lassiter asked Unit Heads to be very careful with their budgets and project where monies could be cut if necessary. Dr. Lassiter stated that the contract to install ARE_ON network is progressing.

Mr. Jay Jones provided the Council with projected figures for the 2009-10 budget.

Mr. Ray discussed where to find intersession courses on the web. He reminded the Unit Heads that each intersession course needs ten or more students for the class to make.

Mr. Ray stated during pre-registration some students were enrolling in classes that they were currently enrolled in due to the fact that they may not pass the course. This caused problems for other students trying to enroll in the class.

Mr. Ray encouraged Unit Heads to send a recruitment letter to every prospective student.

Mr. Ray asked that any extra money in student work study accounts be shared with other units.

The Council discussed C&S proposals from Math & Natural Sciences, UAM Colleges of Technology – McGehee and UAM Colleges of Technology – Crossett. The Council approved all proposals.

Mr. Ray stated the Division of Nursing and the School of Arts and Humanities will move into Wells Hall and Sorrells Hall beginning December 15.

Mr. Ray reviewed upcoming dates and set the next Academic Council meeting for January 28.

The Council adjourned at 4:35 p.m.