

**Academic Council Meeting**  
**September 9, 2009**  
**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; Ms. Sandra Campbell; Dr. Carol Strong for School of Social and Behavioral Sciences; Dr. Kelly Bryant; Mr. Brian Hairston; Dr. Morris Bramlett; Ms Pamela Gouner; Mr. Bob Ware; Ms. Misty Paschall; Reporter: Ms. Rita Hyatt.

The August 5, 2009 minutes were approved as written.

The Council discussed retention ideas.

Mr. Ray announced that UAM became a Smoke-Free Campus effective September 1.

Dr. Debbie Bryant provided the Council with examples of the new statement concerning the residency requirement for the Associate of Arts Degree. The Council approved the following statement: For an associate degree, at least 15 semester credit hours of the degree requirements must be fulfilled by credit earned from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Technical credit hours do not count toward the Associate of Arts degree or the Associate of Science degree.

Dr. Debbie Bryant provided the Council with the unofficial enrollment figures for Fall 2009 semester.

Mr. Ray discussed Act 971 which requires an exit exam for remedial courses.

Mr. Ray encouraged all Unit Heads to attend the AAPU Conference on October 1-2, 2009.

Mr. Ray mentioned the National Conference of Academic Deans meeting will be October 5 at Hendrix University.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of the Program Review schedule.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of the Annual Evaluation timetable and asked each member to notify his/her faculty of the deadlines.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of the Promotion and Tenure schedule. He asked the Unit Heads to email him notification of who would be seeking promotion and tenure this year.

Mr. Ray provided the Council with a copy of forms required for Student Absences due to Participation in University-Sponsored Events. He asked that if possible one-week notice be given.

Mr. Ray stated that the Board of Trustees approved the revised UAM Constitution.

Mr. Ray announced that Mr. Mark Spencer would continue as the Academic Affairs representative for Curriculum and Standards.

The Council discussed the C & S proposals from Arts and Humanities. The Council agreed to waive the 10-day review and approved all proposals.

Mr. Ray reminded the Council of upcoming events:  
September 19 Parent/Family Appreciation Day  
October 24 UAM Homecoming

The Council adjourned at 3:40 p.m.