

Minutes of the Assembly Officer's Meeting

February 12, 2003

Individuals present: Chancellor Taylor, Dr. Travis, Paul Becker, Stephen Trana, Raymon Huston, Carole Efird (although she was 10 minutes late, but for a good reason!).

The dates for the spring Assembly meetings were set for March 11 and April 29. Both meetings will be held in Spencer Gallery at 3:15 p.m.

Academic Appeals concerns

Dr. Becker informed all present that there was a proposal circulating to prohibit students from appealing the decision of the Academic Appeals committee. Dr. Taylor mentioned that there is currently a rule that all committee actions are subject to approval by the Assembly. There was some discussion on procedural issues regarding the Academic Appeals committee: Should the student's advisor/dean make a recommendation? Should the student be expected to appear in person before the committee? Another issue that was discussed at the meeting was the "six hour" clause for students on academic probation. Finally, the question of whether the registrar should be made an official member of the Academic Appeals committee was discussed.

Student membership to the Assembly

Dr. Becker brought up concerns about student membership to the Assembly. Specifically, whether the students that serve on Assembly committees are official members of the Assembly. Dr. Taylor advised that it is implied that the student members of the Assembly be the students that serve on the Assembly committees.

Committee operating procedures

Dr. Becker informed Dr. Taylor, Dr. Travis and the other Assembly officers that he has asked each Assembly committee to review their operating procedures and to submit any changes by April 1, 2003.

Legislative session

Dr. Becker asked Dr. Taylor about the legislative session. Dr. Taylor advised that the outlook for higher education is bleak, though not as dire as some states. Dr. Taylor informed the group that there are a couple of scenarios currently in review by the legislature. One of those scenarios includes an 8% tax on tobacco that would generate revenue for higher education.

Faculty bonus

What were you thinking?! Of course we're not getting a bonus!

Evaluation of Deans/Division Chairs

Dr. Becker posed the question: Should deans/division chairs' self evaluations be available for peer review? Dr. Travis assured the group that all deans prepare an annual self-evaluation that includes both the academic and the administrative aspects of their jobs.

Business Education

Dr. Travis informed the group that the Business Education degree will not be offered in the near future. There are 11 students currently in that program and those students will graduate with that degree. However, UAM will not accept any more students into that program and a clause stating such will be included in the catalog (upon approval by Curriculum & Standards). Mrs. Nixon, the instructor that teaches most of the courses in that program, will be reassigned to courses in the CIS department.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Efird