

## **Minutes of the Assembly Officers' Meeting**

**October 24, 2002, 2:30 p.m.**

### **Dr. Taylor's office**

Present: Dr. Taylor, Dr. Travis, Dr. Becker, Dr. Trana, Dr. Huston, Mrs. Efirid

### **Amendment 3**

Dr. Taylor voiced his concerns about Amendment 3. He passed out a pamphlet that outlined the ramifications of the passage of the amendment.

### **Internet concerns**

Dr. Taylor expressed that he shared the same frustrations as the faculty with the recent problems with the internet. He explained that approximately 8-12 stations have been experiencing unusually large amounts of downloading and that had taken up more bandwidth than it could handle.

Dr. Taylor asked Dr. Travis if the T-1 line had been installed for the forestry department and the response was that it had not.

Dr. Trana voiced his concern that the second T-1 line had been installed and did not seem to be working.

The initial price of a T-1 line is approximately \$16,000. The cost for a T-1 line after installation is \$500-\$800 per month. Students pay a technology fee of \$3 per hour, per semester.

Dr. Travis stated that Mr. Schickendanz would be meeting with the state IT directors to hear some possible solutions to this problem. Dr. Taylor and Dr. Travis both agreed that Tim Schickedanz should be on the agenda for the first assembly meeting.

Discussion ensued about a software packet that may be purchased.

### **Merger of UAM with Forest Echoes and Great Rivers Vocational schools**

The financial situation of the remaining state-funded vocational schools may force a merger of the Crossett and McGehee schools with UAM. This may be something that happens in the near future. The missions of the two schools are not compatible with UAM's mission.

There was a lengthy conversation about the advantages/disadvantages of the merger.

### **Athletic committee**

Dr. Taylor mentioned that the athletic committee will be proposing to the Curriculum and Standards committee that UAM start accepting courses transferred from other institutions with the grade of 'D'. Dr. Taylor mentioned that we were among a very few number of schools in the Gulf South Conference that do not accept courses transferred with a 'D'. This will likely be proposed to the Curriculum and Standards committee in the near future and sponsored by the athletic committee.

### **Registration**

There was some discussion about on-line registration. Dr. Bryant will make a report at the assembly meeting. There was also a conversation about rolling registration.

### **General Education committee**

Dr. Becker asked several questions about the General Education committee:

1. Is General Education committee a standing committee or an ad hoc committee?
2. At present, this committee is an ad hoc committee. Dr. Travis expressed the need in making this committee permanent. This is the way that North Central prefers this committee.

-Who is on the committee?

-Who appoints the members?

-Who governs the committee?

-How much power does that committee have?

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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