

Assembly Meeting
April 25, 2007
MCB Auditorium, 3:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kate Stewart at 3:35 p.m.

Dr. Linda Webster made a motion to approve the assembly minutes for March 1, 2007, and Dr. Richard Clubb seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

Special Introductions – Dr. Clay Brown introduced the 2007-2008 Student Government Association Officers

President – Landon Grimes

Vice President – Christopher Allen

Secretary – Ben Higginbotham

Treasurer – Billy Huggins

Old Business: None to report

New Business: Election of Officers

Chair – Russell Nordeen

Vice-Chair – Marsha Clayton

Secretary – Marla H. Ramirez

Parliamentarian – Donna Hunnicutt

Assembly Committee Reports

Academic Appeals – no report

Athletic – no report

Committee on Committees – Dr. Farrokh Abedi – reported that committees needed to assign chair for 2007-2008 and report to him.

Curriculum & Standards – Dr. Marsha Clayton – reported that a few proposals were submitted and approved by C&S: Agriculture 1, Education 2, Nursing 1 and Music 6. Dr. Clayton circulated, via e-mail, a detailed list of the proposals on April 19, 2007. Please refer to that document for proposal details.

A motion to accept the proposals was made, all voted in favor, proposals were accepted.

Faculty Research – no report

Library – Sandra Campbell – reported that the committee met and that Ms. Heady previewed Foundation Search a newly acquired database which is a source of foundation funding information for non-profit groups. Ms Dunlap updated the

committee on upcoming enhancements such as instant messaging Ask-a-Librarian, online tutorials on how to use various information resources and the UAM Library blog. Ms. Campbell shared the rising cost of scholarly journals and databases. Ms. Campbell is working with other librarians in Arkansas to purchase jointly when possible.

Teacher Education – no report

Special Task Force Reports

Ad Hoc Committee on Academics – Dr. Greathouse - reported that they have met and circulated the compiled findings via e-mail April 20, 2007.

Salary Study Committee (Monticello) - Dr. John Annulis – reported their findings which were circulated via e-mail April 23, 2007. More information on the plan to implement the report findings will be addressed early Fall 07.

Salary Study Committee (Colleges of Technology) – Sharon Cantrell – reported their findings which were circulated via e-mail April 24, 2007.

Administrative Reports

Vice Chancellors

Advancement – Dr. Lassiter reported for Linda Yeiser and complimented the hard work and progress being made. He reported \$200,000 donation to the scholarship fund; \$25,000 donation to Nursing; and almost \$425,000 collected by Mr. Heflin for the athletic facilities.

College of Technology at Crossett – Linda Rushing – discussed the resubmission of bids for the Mater Plan. They are stilling waiting to hear about the Career Pathwise grant. The budget hearing will be May 8th, and if approved there will be approximately \$100,000 of assistance available to students.

College of Technology at McGehee – Bod Ware – he reported the same as Ms. Rushing. He announced opportunities made available to them by Toyota.

Finance and Administration – Jay Jones –reported that UAM's budge will be presented to the board on May 25th. UAM is asking for a 3.6% increase in tuition which will bring the tuition and fee total to \$143 from \$138. He also discussed the progress that the Information Technology Committee has made, and this information was circulated via e-mail April 25, 2007.

Student Affairs – Dr. Clay Brown – reported on the Academic Appeals document and the Emergency Procedures Manual. Both of these will be posted on the Web soon. He is also researching an organization called School Violence Resource Center for future workshop opportunities on school safety at our campus.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs – Mr. David Ray –

- Commencement is May 11th – faculty line up begins at 9:00 a.m.
- 441 eligible students for graduation
- Approximately 400 copies of the New York Times will be available on campus beginning Fall 07
- Soon we will see an advertising for a Director of Academic Advising
- Textbook deadlines set by legislation was April 1 for Summer and Fall and November 1 for Spring 2007
- Pre-registration/Scholar's Day -131 students were pre-registered
- Catalog should be ready by July 1, 2007
- Thank you to Graduate Council, Academic Council and all of the UAM faculty

Chancellor – Dr. Jack Lassiter –

- More budget information in the Fall
- 3 % increase in hospitalization cost for the Fall but UAM will cover the increase
- Approval of two new positions: 1) Position to address safety on UAM campus and 2) Director of Institutional Research
- Legislation did a great job we are one of two institutions to be receiving general improvement funds that will be used in the Forestry Building (\$4 million) In addition a private donation has been added of \$1 million to the \$4 million for a total of \$5 million toward the 6.7 million project.
- Many congratulations to everyone for the great work.
- May 3 retirement reception honoring this semester's retirees.
- Many thanks to Dr. Stewart for her hard work and dedication.

Announcements

Dr. Stewart- School of Education / Willard Hall Open House Sunday, April 29th.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.