

Assembly Minutes

Wednesday – April 28, 2004

3:15 P. M. Science Center Auditorium

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Webster at 3:17 p.m. and a quorum was declared. Chair Webster opted to abandon the agenda and start elections for Assembly officers for 2004-2005. The nominations for Assembly officers were as follows:

Chair–Linda Webster

Vice Chair–Rick Clubb

Secretary–Dorothy Everts

Parliamentarian–Adam McKee

There were no nominations from the floor. Dr. Marshall moved that these candidates be accepted by acclamation and the motion passed. The nominating committee was recognized and commended for their hard work.

Committee Reports

Academic Appeals–No Report

Athletic–No report

Curriculum & Standards–The Curriculum & Standards report was circulated via e-mail prior to the assembly meeting. Dr. Clayton reported that the committee has had four meetings in which 12 proposals were approved. Five of those proposals were from Music, one proposal from CIS, three proposals from the Registrar's office, two proposals from Academic Affairs, and one proposal from the Mission Statement committee. Dr. Clayton made a motion to accept the report of the committee and the motion passed.

Faculty Equity and Grievance–No report.

Faculty Research–No report.

Library–No report.

Student Affairs–Dr. Brown distributed proposed additions to the university student conduct code. Dr. Brown moved for approval of the proposed changes and there was a second. There was discussion about the "Camera Phones" section of the proposal. One question: what about students that take pictures at a football game? Dr. Brown clarified that the students would need permission before doing so. This raised a question about certain rights at a public event. Dr. Taylor moved that Dr. Brown consult the university attorney and adjust the proposal accordingly. Another question: why limit it to only camera phones, why not all digital imagery? A motion was made to amend the proposal by deleting the section on "Camera

Phones." More questions: why are we concerned with photographs in public locations and what about group pictures that accidentally catch a student in the background? Dr. Davis called a question and discussion ended. The vote on the amendment to send the 'digital imagery' part to the attorney passed. There was also discussion of the "harm to self" and "computer usage" portions of the proposal. Dr. Trana asked if it was practice to have a policy reviewed by the university attorney before printing. Dr. Taylor assured him that it was. The Assembly voted against the proposed conduct code. Dr. Clubb moved that the document be reviewed by the university attorney and circulated to the Assembly prior to voting. There was a second and the motion passed.

Teacher Education—No Report

SGA—The new SGA officers are as follows:

President—Sally Owen

Vice-President—Beth Burgess

Secretary—Michael Craven

Treasurer—Wil Whiting

Old Business:

Faculty Excellence Awards - new nomination and selection procedure. Dr. Taylor reported that the old procedure was not working, very few nominations were being submitted. The heads of the academic departments now submit two names to the committee. Dr. Poniewaz asked: why not make deans submit nominations and leave faculty with the voting rights? Dr. Taylor explained that Dr. Lassiter may revisit this procedure upon his arrival.

New Business:

Assembly Officer Elections—see above.

Textbook Pricing/Sales/Buy-Back - Billy Hogue. Dr. Davis reported in Mr. Hogue's absence. Chair Webster explained that there had been two issues raised to her: (1) There is a limit on the number of textbooks being bought back and (2) Texts are being sold without the CD but not bought back without the CD. Dr. Davis explained that the number of textbooks bought back during finals is dependent upon projected enrollment in that course for the following semester. Dr. Davis thought that Dr. Webster may have gotten the wrong information about her second point. Dr. Davis also confirmed that the bookstore does not buy back books that were purchased on-line.

Committee on Committees - Dr. Webster explained that the members of this committee must be elected before September 15 and serve a term of one year. Dr. Webster explained that she would like this committee to be formed by August. Dr. Webster asked that deans appoint one faculty member from each department. Another member of this committee would be a staff member that is elected and another member would be the SGA president. Dr. Clayton raised a question about the committees that may need to meet before September 15 (Curriculum & Standards, Academic Appeals, etc.). Dr. Webster then

asked deans to appoint a faculty member from each department and submit that name to her before the end of the spring semester. Dr. Bryant moved that the current committee remain intact through the spring semester. The motion was seconded. One question: will there be a new Committee on Committees elected by September 15? Dr. Webster assured the Assembly that there would be. The motion passed.

Dr. Webster brought some yearbooks and asked Assembly members to take one or more. Dr. Webster introduced the editors of the yearbook: Nancy Davis and Angela Witt. Dr. Webster stressed that the yearbook staff relies heavily upon the university community for information about events, programs, etc. Dr. Webster also announced that club/organization advisors can submit digital photographs to the editors via e-mail.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Taylor—Chancellor Dr. Taylor reported on the "D" rule that was recently enacted by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Taylor stated that the Board ruled that the Chief Academic Officer from each school devise a procedure to implement the board policy that incorporates their broad guidelines. A policy was drafted and was discussed with the Assembly officers in the fall semester. This policy will appear in the next catalog. Dr. Travis will report yearly on any actions taken under this policy. Dr. Poniewaz asked, as an advisor, what to tell a student about transferring 'Ds'? Dr. Taylor stated that the student should be referred to Dr. Travis' office. Dr. Marshall asked if this policy would be retroactive? Dr. Taylor assured him that the policy could only be used one time, upon initial admission. Dr. Bramlett raised the point that this policy does not appear to be equitable according to NCAA guidelines. Dr. Taylor claimed that this policy had been reviewed by NCAA. Dr. Bryant asked: If students that had a successful transfer of six hours of 'D' decided not to participate in the activity for which they were granted the hours, would they still get the six transfer hours? Dr. Taylor responded yes.

Dr. Davis—Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Dr. Davis reported that the engineering design on the Education building and the Fine Arts Center had started. Dr. Davis stated that this was about 2 ½ years in the future.

Dr. Travis—Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Dr. Travis introduced three new faculty members: Dr. DeFee (Assistant Professor, School of Forestry), Mary Heady (Assistant librarian), Jeffery Dickens (Assistant librarian).

Dr. Travis also announced the faculty members that had received a promotion or tenure during the year: Dr. Larry Eustace, Dr. Kent Skinner, Sharon Walters, Dr. Paul Doruska, Dr. Raymon Huston, and Helen Guenter.

Announcements

Dr. Stewart announced that Wil Whiting was one of 66 nominees for the NOLLE scholarship. The

scholarship honors the top 10 applicants and Mr. Whiting was 11th.

Dr. Davis announced that there has been some problems with e-mail. Work has been done and will continue to be done to eliminate spam. He also announced that the network will be down from May 20-24. The library will also be closed during that time for inventory.

Dr. Becker commended Dr. Taylor for his work and dedication to the university during his tenure as chancellor.

Adjournment—meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Efird
Secretary, UAM Assembly