

UAM ASSEMBLY MEETING

December 3, 2002

3:15 P. M. MCB Auditorium

Quorum: Yes

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. A motion was made by Dr. Clubb to accept the minutes and the motion passed. motion.

Old Business: None

New Business:

SGA report Dorothy Thompson, president of SGA, thanked the faculty for all of their support this semester. Dorothy outlined some of SGA's accomplishments: a sheriff's rally and a campus-wide open forum to discuss Internet concerns. Ms. Thompson also announced that the SGA had received an award from the Department of Human Services.

Brett Eckert, vice-president of SGA, reported on SAB. Some of the activities mentioned by Mr. Eckert: the M.A.D.D. demonstration coordinated by SAB and Drew Memorial Hospital and the Christmas holiday week festivities.

1. Committee Reports:

Academic Appeals

No meeting since last Assembly meeting.

Athletic

Dr. Betty Matthews reported in Coach Alvy Early's absence that the committee was "taking care of business."

Curriculum & Standards

Dr. Marsha Clayton outlined the proposals that had been reviewed and accepted by the committee. A copy of this report was sent to everyone, via e-mail, prior to the Assembly meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Moore, and seconded by Dr. Clubb, to accept the committee's report. The motion passed.

Library

Sandra Dupree made the report for the library committee. The committee has only met by e-mail since the last Assembly meeting. The committee is reviewing the book selection and the acquisition policy. Ms. Dupree announced that the library would be open until midnight during the week of finals.

Student Affairs

No report.

Teacher Education

Dr. Rhonda Richards reported that the Teacher Education committee did not meet in November. The next scheduled meeting will be January 29. At that time, there will be a research team on campus from Teacher's College Columbia University.

2. Administrative Reports:

Dr. Peggy Doss, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Development

Dr. Doss applauded the SGA and the SAB for all of their hard work, especially on the M.A.D.D. demonstration. Dr. Doss reiterated the holiday week festivities. Dr. Doss met with the greek organizations to open a line of communication and to announce the formation of a taskforce for the enhancement of Greek life that will begin meeting in January. Dr. Doss also reported that the staff from Admissions & Recruiting have been on the road and that many students have visited our campus. Dr. Doss encouraged each division to make contact with students who show interest in one of their degree programs.

Dr. Mark Davis, Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration

Dr. Davis reported that Harris Hall renovations are progressing and that the new windows have been installed. Dr. Davis announced that the audit is complete and financial reports have been finished. Dr. Davis outlined the change that was made to health insurance. Also, effective in January, two (2) signatures will be required for transactions on all agency accounts.

Dr. Dennis Travis, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Travis spoke about the need for an Instructional Technology center on our campus. Dr. Travis announced that proofing for the catalog would take place in January/February and that April 1, 2003 was the deadline for submitting the catalog copy to Jim Brewer. Dr. Travis also distributed a list of members serving on all Academic Affairs committee.

Dr. Fred Taylor, Chancellor

Dr. Taylor announced the merger of UAM with Great Rivers Vocational Institute and possibly Forest Echoes Vocational Institute. Dr. Taylor assured the Assembly that the impending merger would not negatively affect UAM financially. He also claimed that this merger would be advantageous to our campus. Dr. Taylor spoke about alternative teacher certification. He predicted that the Arts & Sciences would become more important in certifying teachers. Dr. Richards supplied the number of students that are currently taking advantage of UAM's alternative certification program (M.A.T.). Dr. Taylor discussed the possibility of high school students earning an Associate's degree while in high school. The feasibility of this type of program was discussed. Dr. Taylor also reported on the legislative budget. A recent court ruling could impact the allotment of monies to higher education. Dr. Taylor announced that, like most institutions of higher education in the country, a tuition raise was likely.

Items from the floor Announcements

December 3—Christmas tree lighting at 6:00 p.m.

Blossoms basketball game at 6:00 p.m.

UAM band concert at 7:30 p.m.

December 6—UAM choir concert at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Clubb and meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Efird