

**UAM Assembly
Minutes
March 11, 2003**

Paul Becker called the meeting to order at 3:15 and declared that a quorum was present. On a motion and second by Clubb and Graber, respectively, the members approved the minutes from the last meeting. That document revealed that no business was pending from the last meeting.

Becker announced that the Assembly would meet again on April 3 to consider an amendment to the Assembly by-laws which is being presented by Academic Appeals. He also noted that all committees are reviewing their operating; these inspections should be completed by April 1.

The Assembly considered next a resolution presented by Nelson. The resolution calls for an amendment to the P.A.T.R.I.O.T Act which would not "compromise research and education" by guarding citizens' rights to privacy as detailed in the First Amendment. The measure would ask specifically that subpoenas for the records of book vendors and libraries should not be granted without just cause. Nelson moved that we approve the resolution. After the second by Dupree, the resolution passed.

Dorothy Thompson presented the SGA report. Ms. Thompson addressed efforts to re-align the organization following December graduations and the like. Of special note is the fact that SGA is now a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Assembly next heard committee reports. They are as follows:

Academic Appeals—Elloise Foshee reported that the committee heard 52 cases and took the following action: Approved—18; Denied—28; No Action—6. Two decisions were appealed to the Assembly; the committee's actions were sustained in those cases.

Athletic—Max Terrell noted that the committee met on January 22. The primary business was an NCAA update from Morris Bramlett.

Curriculum & Standards—Marsha Clayton related that the committee had met six times and approved 26 proposals. She moved that the proposals which had been distributed prior to the meeting be accepted. After the second by Duffy, the Assembly passed the curriculum changes.

Library—Sandra Dupree reported that the Library's electronic resources are being updated and will be categorized by subject and major.

Student Affairs—Clay Brown gave no report from the committee, but he stated that it is in the process of reviewing the Student Handbook. He asked that members submit suggestions to him for changes. Brown also requested that individuals planning summer camps should contact Julie Gentry.

Teacher Education—Kathy King reported the committee had not met. She gave a brief update on the activities in the School of Education, among them were the visit by a team from Columbia University that is studying four teacher education programs in the nation and a DVD production by AETN on best teaching practices.

On the heels of the committee reports, the Assembly heard the following administrative reports:

Dr. Debbie Bryant—Bryant gave updates on the numbers of graduates from August and December and commented on the number of applications for May graduation. She imparted information pertinent to pre-registration. Bryant also reported on the work of the "Seal" Committee (university, not the web-footed mammal).

Mr. Tim Schickendanz—no report

Dr. Peggy Doss—Doss gave updates on the on-going dorm renovations. She noted next year no dorms would be designated for occupancy solely by freshmen. Doss is working with the Greek Task force and also student initiatives to spruce up common areas on campus.

Dr. Dennis Travis—Travis introduced Dr. Kim, a clinical psychologist who has joined faculty since the last meeting; he also recognized Carole Efird for her completing her doctorate. Dr. Travis gave an update on the activities relating to the North Central visit in October of 2004.

Dr. Fred Taylor—Taylor discussed first some issues relating to the academic calendar, specifically noting the problem of the UAM and Monticello graduations falling on the same night. He also gave a legislative update and expressed his frustration that he could not offer more clear-cut information, noting that we would know nothing about such issues as salaries and other appropriation matters until September. Dr. Taylor also discussed the Poise Software which must be updated.

Becker reminded Assembly members of the meeting on April 3. There being no further business, the Assembly adjourned shortly after 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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