

UAM ASSEMBLY MEETING

October 29, 2002

3:15 P. M. Spencer Gallery

Quorum: Yes

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 3:19 p.m. A motion was made by Dr. Lewison to accept the minutes and Dr. Clubb seconded that motion.

Old Business: None

New Business:

SGA report Dorothy Thompson, president of SGA, introduced the SGA officers and senators that were present at the meeting. Thompson encouraged assembly members to communicate any concerns or questions to the SGA senators. Thompson outlined the three main objectives for the SGA: to build a relationship with the community; to help build a stronger, positive relationship among faculty, staff, and administration; and to help increase alumni participation.

Brett Eckert, vice-president of SGA, reported on the duties of the SGA and SAB. Eckert reported on the various events that SGA and SAB have, and will sponsor. Eckert announced that a new web page has been created for the SGA and SAB. Eckert also outlined various other changes that have occurred recently in the SGA and SAB organizations.

1. Committee Reports:

Academic Appeals

Elloise Foshee reported that the Academic Appeals committee has met seven (7) times since May. Fifty-two (52) students have appeared in front of the committee. Of those 52 appeals, 33 were denied, 11 were approved, 6 students were given a one semester suspension, and no action was taken on 2 appeals. Two meetings scheduled for Academic Appeals: November 5 and January 13.

Athletic

Alvy Early reported for the Athletic committee. Early reported that the committee met on October

13. All head coaches and the athletic trainer gave a brief summary on their programs and their expectations for the coming year. The committee discussed the possibility of involving the SGA and SAB in planning activities around home basketball games next semester.

Curriculum & Standards

Marsha Clayton reported on the progress of the Curriculum and Standards committee. The committee has met five times this semester and set a date of November 8 as the deadline for proposals that will be included in the 2003-2005 catalog. The committee had approved 12 proposals from Arts and Humanities and 5 proposals from Computer Information Systems. Dr. Clayton briefly reviewed each of the proposals and emphasized the changes that were made. A motion was made by Ruegger to approve the report and that motion was seconded by Marshall. The motion carried.

Library

Sandra Dupree made the report for the library committee. The committee held a meeting on October 22. Some of the topics discussed at the meeting: purpose and membership, library faculty liaison, annual report, book selection and acquisition policy, budget, issues and concerns.

Student Affairs

Clay Brown reported for student affairs. Dr. Brown stated that one organization had petitioned for recognition on campus. Brown outlined the purpose and mission of L.E.A.G.U.E. Dr. Brown made a motion to accept the recommendation of the student affairs committee and recognize this organization. Dr. Clubb seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion about the purpose of the organization. Kamecia Lambert, one of the students involved in the organization of L.E.A.G.U.E., addressed the questions. The motion carried.

Teacher Education

Rhonda Richards gave an overview on the Teacher Education committee meeting that took place on September 19. An update on the placements of the fall interns was given. A discussion regarding licensure and the M.A.T. program also took place. The new Teacher Education Handbooks were issued to the members and changes were noted.

2. Administrative Reports:

Dr. Debbie Bryant, Registrar

Dr. Bryant reported on on-line registration. After the first day of pre-registration, 548 students had pre-registered and 131 of those students had done so on-line. After the second day of pre-registration, 745 students had pre-registered and 152 of those had registered on-line. Dr. Bryant issued everyone with

recent enrollment numbers and graduation rates. Selected points were highlighted.

Mr. Tim Schickendanz, IT Director

Mr. Schickendanz immediately opened the floor for questions about the recent internet concerns. Dr. Trana raised some questions about the vocabulary in a recent letter explaining the internet complications. These questions were answered by Mr. Schickendanz. There were several questions regarding the newest software and hardware that will be installed. Mr. Schickendanz assured assembly members that internet access would not be limited.

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

Dr. Doss first thanked the students for their presence and support. Dr. Doss reported that renovations to Bankston are ongoing. The Horsfall Hall complaints have been addressed and the furniture in the basement of Horsfall has been replaced. Dr. Doss mentioned that lack of meeting space for student organizations is a problem. Dr. Doss estimated that Maxwell Hall renovations would be complete in July 2003. Dr. Doss introduced Sarah Waltermire, the newest member of the student affairs staff. Dr. Doss reported on admissions and recruiting and urged faculty and staff to help in this area.

Dr. Mark Davis, Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration

Dr. Davis reported that the audit is almost complete. Financial reports have been finished. Dr. Davis stated that Harris Hall renovations were behind schedule but would likely be finished by summer 2003. There will be no health insurance increase in January. A brief discussion about the travel cards ensued.

Dr. Dennis Travis, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Travis outlined some of the issues that his staff will be working on this year: a strategic plan for North Central, and the annual reports that the deans and chairs put together on August 1. Another report that the deans and chairs put together is a student outcomes assessment report. Dr. Travis mentioned that the planning for 2003 orientation is already in progress. Academic Affairs will be working closely with Student Affairs in planning the schedule. Dr. Travis also mentioned that he will be asking faculty to submit two questions that they would like to ask of freshmen. These questions will be compiled in a list of expectations for students. Dr. Travis also reiterated the policy on university-sponsored activities.

Dr. Fred Taylor, Chancellor

Dr. Taylor reported that the financial situation of the university is bleak. The next session of legislature will start on January 13. Dr. Taylor reported that UAM has lost \$1.2 million in this biennium. Dr. Taylor also discussed Amendment 3 and its possible ramifications on higher education if it is passed. Brochures were issued to each assembly member that detailed Amendment 3. Dr. Taylor urged assembly

members to vote. Dr. Taylor announced that negotiations were in progress about a possible merger of Forest Echoes and Great Rivers Vocational Institutes with UAM.

Items from the floor

Announcements

Dr. Marshall announced that the Hot Spring Documentary film festival would be held at UAM on November 14 & 15.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Clubb and meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Efird