

ASSEMBLY MINUTES: Page 1 of 2

Date:10/05/2000

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes:

Time for call to order: 3:20 p.m.--Declaration of a quorum (68 members present) was declared.

Motion for approval of minutes: Dean Ray

second: Rick Clubb

Minutes were approved.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

1)Two amendments regarding the composition and function of the Academic Appeals Committee were proposed by Vice-chancellor Travis. The current Constitution text may be found in the UAM Faculty Handbook. The proposed amendments were as follows:

a)Amendment 1: Change to Composition

Replace the sentence "Six (6) full-time faculty members and the University Registrar, who shall have voting privileges" with the following:

"Seven (7) full-time faculty members. The University Registrar will serve as a non-voting ex-officio member."

The resolution to accept this amendment as written was made by Dr. Travis, seconded by Rick Wallace. It was approved unanimously, by a vote of 68-0.

b)Amendment 2: Replace the proposed Function paragraph with the following:

"This committee is responsible for hearing student appeals of academic probation, suspension, and other academic matters. It shall also hear appeals of grades if mediation by the school dean/division chair **OR** Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs cannot resolve a dispute."

It was noted in the discussion that new members of this committee take office on May 15.

There was an extended discussion of the merits and demerits of including or excluding the word "OR" in Amendment 2. It was decided to include the word "OR" in the amendment and the amendment as modified was called to a vote. It was approved by a vote of 67-1 (the lone dissenting vote objecting to the word "OR").

2) There was an amendment proposal made by Dean Richards to amend the By-laws of the UAM Assembly regarding the composition of the Teacher Education Committee. The current by-laws may be found in the Faculty Handbook. The proposed amendment read as follows:

"That Article III of the Bylaws of the UAM Assembly, subsection 'Teacher Education Committee' be revised and amended to read as follows:

Composition: Dean, School of Education; five (5) faculty from academic units that prepare teachers; One (1) each from Arts and Humanities, Business, Mathematical and Natural Science, Music, and Social and Behavioral Science; five (5) faculty from the School of Education and two (2) currently enrolled students in good standing: one (1) early childhood education major and (1) working toward certification in secondary education with both students being appointed by the UAM Student National Education Association."

This proposal was seconded by Tom Brezenski, the question was called by Wayne Poniewaz and seconded by Rick Clubb. The proposal passed by a vote of 67-1 (it was not clear if the dissenting vote objected to the word "OR").

3) Committee Reports:

A. Academic Appeals: Ms. Sandra Watson reported that the committee heard 26 appeals, of which 17 were approved, 8 denied, and 1 no action was taken.

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B. Curriculum & Standards: Rick Clubb proposed changes in the following department catalog descriptions: Agriculture: Animal Science Option and Supportive Requirements. These changes would be new listings in the catalog. Please see the full text either in the Agriculture Department or in the Approval Sheet from the Curriculum & Standards Committee available from Rick Clubb(chair) or Bob Moore (sec'y. Of the Assembly).

This proposal was seconded by Steve Reuger and passed by acclamation.

C. Teacher Education: Dr. Richards reported that 36 petitions were reviewed and 23 were approved.

D. Athletic, Faculty Research, Library, Student Affairs, and Evaluation: No report

4) Administrative Reports:

A. Dr. Vanneise Collins, Vice Chancellor Student Affairs: Dr. Collins promised to be brief and she was. Recruiters are out, several hundred students have visited campus, and the Exercise Center will be open 4 hours on Saturday and 4 hours on Sunday. There are currently 2 proposals in the works, one for Student Support Services (including a counseling position), and a Reynolds Grant. She announced that current enrollment is 2,323.

B. Dr. Mark Davis, Vice Chancellor Finance & Administration: Dr. Mark Davis announced the following: he promised to take no more than one hour and he held it to 5 minutes, UAM has just finished its annual audit, we have a strong balance sheet, and he assured Dr. Taylor that he was in no danger of being jailed this year.

C. Dr. Dennis Travis, Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs: Dr. Travis discussed the quality of education issues and numbers of students at UAM. He announced that last Fall (99) UAM had the lowest attrition rate in 9 years (17%). 2004 is the next North Central accreditation visit. We are now in the process of preparing our Action Plan. In Spring 2000 UAM will offer 8 CIV classes and 3 web-based classes. We are reviewing and developing the new 2001-02-03 catalogs with a due date for changes and updates to Curriculum and Standards of Nov. 6.

D. Dr. Fred Taylor, Chancellor: Dr. Taylor announced that he was not worried about being jailed as he would be sent to Cummins, also known as "Cummins-and-Goins." He noted that escape from this unit is not difficult. He wished to recognize the hard work on accreditation done by Annette Hall and the Music faculty, Forestry, Social Work, and Dean Richards and the Education faculty. He called special attention to the proposed Amendment 4 currently in the AR. Legislature which would do away with the "sales tax on used goods" from which AR higher education derives much of its revenue. He noted that there will be a rally to oppose this amendment next Wednesday October 11 at 11:00 a.m. in War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock. He and all other interested parties will attend this rally. If you wish to be included, please contact Dr. Taylor's office. He announced the addition of paved parking next to Willard Hall and the paving of the road behind Jeter Hall. Though he confessed to being dizzy, he admitted to nothing else.

5) Adjournment:

A. Announcements:1) Dr. Stewart recognized student attendance at the Assembly meeting. 2) Fri. Oct. 13 is the AAUP meeting at Hendrix, state conference on collective bargaining issues. 3) Nov. 14 is the debate on the death penalty, held in Spencer Gallery, FAC.

B. Motion to adjourn: Rick Clubb

C. Time: 4:35 p.m.

D. Second:Rick Clubb's alter-ego evil twin.

Respectfully submitted: Robert Moore, Secretary of the Assembly