

UAM ASSEMBLY MEETING
September 30, 2003
3:15 P. M. University Center Capitol Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Assembly president Dr. Linda Webster at 3:16 p.m. A motion was made by Trana to amend the agenda to allow Dr. Sugg to speak on the search for a new chancellor. A second was made by Efird and the motion passed.

DR. SUGG - REPORT ON CHANCELLOR SEARCH

Dr. Sugg started his report by stating that he was pleased with the leadership, faculty, and staff at UAM. Dr. Sugg spoke about the process for hiring a new chancellor: speak to faculty, staff, students, and community leaders. Dr. Sugg spoke about the recent hirings around the state and how the chancellors were found. Dr. Sugg then asked the Assembly to give him some feedback on the kind of person that we wanted in a chancellor. Dr. Moore commented that he would like to see someone with a priority for retaining good faculty. Dr. Terrell added that he would like to see a national search for a new chancellor to keep the diversity of the campus. Dr. Webster asked about the amount of time that the process would take. Dr. Sugg responded that approximately six months would be adequate. Dr. McConnell asked Dr. Sugg when the decision would be made to conduct a national search or to hire within. Dr. Sugg assured her that decision would be made very soon. Dr. Cabiness asked about the percentage of chancellors that were hired outside of the system. Dr. Sugg explained that inside the system are good leaders. Dr. Sugg claimed that the school needed, "visionary, effective leadership." Dr. Marshall commented that Dr. Jack Lassiter's name had been mentioned and asked Dr. Sugg to provide clarity. Dr. Sugg stated that Dr. Lassiter would be a good candidate for chancellor. Dr. Trana voiced his support for a national search because he felt that faculty would like the input. Dr. Moore supported Dr. Trana and added that it would increase faculty morale. More support for a national search was voiced. Brett Eckert, SGA president, spoke on behalf of the students by saying that the students would like to improve student relations with administration and increase community involvement. Eckert also supported a national search. Dr. Sugg agreed that both of those relationships were important. Dr. Tappe added that he felt it important for the new chancellor to see beyond southeast Arkansas. Dr. Collins commented that she felt it important for the new chancellor to have sound financial knowledge. She also added that integrity was a necessary characteristic. Dr. Graber claimed that being a good listener was an imperative quality. More support for a national search was voiced. Dr. Gullledge asked if faculty may recommend a candidate from within if no national search is conducted. Dr. Sugg answered, "yes." Dr. Stewart added that she would like the new chancellor to be a person that is dedicated to academic excellence. One forestry professor claimed that UAM faculty need to present a united front with a mission in mind. Dr. Sugg supported a strategic planning process. Before Dr. Sugg left the meeting, he offered his e-mail address and telephone number to the Assembly: basugg@uasys.edu, (501)686-2502.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Appeals

Sandra Watson reported for the Academic Appeals committee. Eloise Foshee is the chair of that committee and Ms. Watson is the recorder. Ms. Watson reported that the committee had met several times. Ms. Watson commented that the committee has been facing a problem recently with the date of the semester in which students can appeal conflicting with registration. Ms. Watson made a motion that students not be able to appeal after the last day to register. There was a second and with no further discussion, the motion passed. Dr. Gulledge asked when this policy would take effect and the answer was "immediately." Students with the opportunity to appeal will be informed by letter of the last day to appeal. Dr. Travis reported that there is a proposal pending in Curriculum and Standards that addresses the issue of suspended students taking courses at the Colleges of Technology. This proposal would allow students to take technical courses and earn a technical certificate, but not courses that would transfer to an academic degree program.

Athletic

Dr. Terrell reported that the committee will have its first meeting on October 7.

Curriculum & Standards

Dr. Clayton, chair of the Curriculum and Standards committee, reminded Assembly members that the C & S report has been circulated via e-mail recently. Dr. Clayton related that Dr. Stewart was the secretary of the committee. Dr. Clayton moved that the report be accepted, and Dr. Graber seconded that motion. After some discussion about the recent change in the summer policy for suspended students, the motion passed. Dr. Clayton also circulated the committee's revised operating procedures via e-mail and made a motion that those also be accepted. There was a second and with no further discussion, the motion passed.

Faculty Equity and Grievance

Dr. Moore reported that this committee has not met. Dr. Webster advised that all committees meet to appoint a chair, appoint a recorder, and to review operating procedures. Dr. Webster directed Assembly members to a table in the back of the room which held a list of all of the committees and their membership.

Faculty Research

The Faculty Research committee has not met. Dr. Webster again advised that all committees meet to appoint a chair, a recorder, and to review operating procedures.

Library

Ms. Dupree reported that the library committee has not met but will meet before the next Assembly meeting. The chair of the committee is automatically the Director of the Library. Ms. Dupree added that the committee has revised their operating procedures.

Student Affairs

Dr. Brown reported that this committee will be holding its first meeting next week. The chair of the Student Affairs committee is Dr. Brown and Dr. Ruegger will serve as recorder.

Teacher Education

Teacher Education committee has not met. Dr. Webster again advised that all committees meet to appoint a chair, a recorder, and to review operating procedures.

SGA

Brett Eckert reported that the SGA had a report but would hold that report until the next Assembly meeting. One item that Mr. Eckert mentioned was an all-campus forum on October 15. The time and place of the forum will be announced at a later date.

Ad Hoc–Campus Recognition

2. OLD BUSINESS

Committee Operating Procedure Revisions/Reports

Since this issue had already been discussed, it was not revisited.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Rolling Registration

Dr. Travis reported that rolling registration should not be in operation. Dr. Travis asked that everyone make room for some exceptions with this (i.e. a student that traveled a great distance).

Dr. Webster advised the Assembly about the time and stated that the other business could be conducted at a later meeting, possibly a Wednesday in late October.

A motion was made by Dr. Cabiness to adjourn and with a second by Dr. Ruegger, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

January 16

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Efir

Secretary, UAM Assembly