

Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Arkansas at Monticello Board of Visitors
University of Arkansas at Monticello
Spencer Gallery
Fine Arts Center
October 6, 2005
4:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Ian Beer, Jimmy Barrett, Herbert Hutchison,
Judy Kirkley, Rhonda Mullikin, Tommy
Poole, Bennie Ryburn, III, Cynthia
Montgomery, Judy Kirkley, Frank Wilson

University Administrators: Chancellor Jack Lassiter, Vice Chancellor
David Ray, Vice Chancellor Mark Davis,
Vice Chancellor Clay Brown, Vice
Chancellor Bob Ware, Vice Chancellor
Linda Rushing

Ian Beer welcomed everyone and called meeting to order.

The Board approved minutes from the July 14, 2005 meeting.

David Ray informed the board that UAM now has an Army ROTC program with a minor in Military Science. There are currently 11 students enrolled.

David Ray announced that the proposal for a change in minimum requirements from 24 hours to 18 hours for a minor has been approved by the Curriculum and Standards Committee and the Academic Council and now will be presented for approval at the Assembly Meeting on October 11.

David Ray gave a report on fall classes which included ECHS (Early College High School) stating that there are currently 186 students enrolled in 22 classes in the program. There are currently 2,782 students on campus. UAM is offering 664 classes, 62 of them are night classes. UAM is expanding their distance education there are currently 45 faculty involved in 15 different online classes and 18 different CIV classes.

David Ray introduced the new faculty.

Jack Lassiter stated there were 12 new positions added into the budget in July.

Jack Lassiter announced that Clay Brown was appointed as the Vice Chancellor for Student Services as of October 1 and is no longer interim.

Clay Brown reported that participation in Parents Day Weekend events was a success and participation was almost as high as last year which was the largest.

Clay Brown distributed and reviewed the schedule of Homecoming events the week of October 17 – 21, 2005. He also reviewed and announced the Achievement and Merit Award winners that will be honored.

Clay Brown reviewed the NCAA/UAM Champs Life Skill Program which has just started. UAM is one of 50 participants and has 68 students enrolled. At the present time it is only available to football players. The program assists in teaching life skills, tutoring, community involvement and personal workshops which include time management and resume writing.

Clay Brown introduced new staff.

Mark Davis informed the board that the Master Plan has been revised several times due to the feedback that was received in the departmental meetings that were held across campus. The meetings proved to be very productive.

Mark Davis reviewed and provided a handout of the 4th financial report which was presented to the Board of Trustees at their last meeting.

Mark Davis reported that the construction on Willard Hall is currently 57% complete and that the contractor will be finished by January 2006. The UAM Maintenance Department will then do some additional work and the building should be complete by the summer.

Mark Davis introduced new staff.

Linda Rushing provided a review of the UAM-CTC Annual Report. She reported that student enrollment was 471 with a total placement rate of 93%.

Linda Rushing updated the board of the new GED online course that is being offered through the Crossett campus. There have been 5 students enroll since April and 2 have already received their GED. She provided a brochure to give complete details on the program.

Linda Rushing provided a copy of the minutes from the UAM-CTC Advisory Board Meeting and reviewed them.

Linda Rushing reviewed a campus directory with pictures and titles of all staff.

Bob Ware updated the board on the Heavy Equipment Program giving updated information on enrollment, faculty, tuition, financial aid and the direction of the program in the future. Enrollment is expected to increase due to the availability of financial aid.

Jack Lassiter stated that current tuition is approximately \$4,000 for the 32 hour program and that by Fall 2007 there should be some state funding received to help offset some of the tuition cost. There are discussions of rental discounts, etc to assist in bringing tuition down.

Bob Ware stated that the Lake Village Office has had 126 contacts since March.

Kate Stewart thanked the board for their participation to help a stronger bond between the community and higher education.

Kate Stewart briefed the board on the subjects that are covered during assembly meetings and that the next meeting will be October 11 at 3:15 in Spencer Gallery if they would like to attend.

Kate Stewart stated that there has been a statewide consortium of faculty senate presidents formed and the first meeting will be next week in Russellville. She plans to attend to bring more awareness to UAM.

Kate Stewart briefed the board on the joint efforts between the administration and the assembly chair to appoint an ad hoc committee to study faculty salaries on the Monticello campus. She stated the Crossett and McGehee will have their own committees on each campus. The committee will be chaired by John Annulis.

Jack Lassiter reviewed the college savings bond program and provided a hand out. The election will be December 13 and could provide 4.1 million to UAM. This would be used to fund technology upgrades, e-corridor and renovations on the McGehee and Crossett campuses. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote and to encourage others to do the same.

Jack Lassiter told the board about the Congressional Delegation meeting which was held on Tuesday in the Forestry Building to promote awareness and funding for a research and teaching facility. Dr. Pelkki made a presentation on the economic impact of forestry on Arkansas.

Jack Lassiter informed the board about special task force committees that have been formed on campus to review employee recognition, hazardous waste and emergency response procedures.

Jack Lassiter told the board about the Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting which will be held on the UAM campus on February 2 and 3, 2006. More information will be available at a later date.

Jack Lassiter stated that the Governor's office will be making new appointments to the board in the near future which will bring the total membership to 12.

Jack Lassiter reviewed the Community Summit meeting which was held by MEDC in Spencer Gallery on 2 evenings. The first night they set goals for the community and on the second they prioritized them.

Dr. Stark made a presentation to Bennie Ryburn, III of a sideboard from a truck that dates back to when UAM was A & M College. The presentation was in appreciation of the contributions made by the Ryburn family.

The meeting was adjourned.