

Minutes of the Meeting of the
University of Arkansas at Monticello Board of Visitors
University of Arkansas at Monticello
Spencer Gallery
Fine Arts Center
January 11, 2007
4:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Reginald Glover
 Herbert Hutchison
 Marilyn Johnson
 Judy Kirkley
 Lorraine McCullough
 Cynthia Montgomery
 Tommy Poole
 Bennie Ryburn, III
 Frank Wilson

University Administrators: Chancellor Jack Lassiter
 Provost David Ray
 Vice Chancellor Linda Yeiser
 Vice Chancellor Clay Brown
 Vice Chancellor Jay Jones
 Vice Chancellor Linda Rushing
 Vice Chancellor Bob Ware

Cynthia Montgomery welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

The Board approved the minutes from the October 12, 2006 meeting.

Cynthia Montgomery introduced Dr. Jack Lassiter.

Jack Lassiter introduced Michael Ford, Editor-in-Chief of UAM's online newspaper publication, "The Voice." Dr. Lassiter commented that the students do a good job on this publication.

Jack Lassiter mentioned that Mr. Ian Beer (Chairman of the Board) had a major equipment breakdown at work and couldn't attend the meeting. He also mentioned that Mr. Jimmy Barrett (Vice Chairman of the Board) couldn't attend the meeting because he's on a mission trip in Honduras.

Cynthia Montgomery introduced Provost David Ray.

David Ray stated that the 8-semester rule brought forth a need to look into the minor programs at UAM. Changes in the Division of Agriculture minor programs include the requirement of 18 hours for the Agri-Business minor, the requirement of 18/19 hours for the Animal Science minor, and the requirement of 19 hours for the Plant and Soil Science minor. The thought behind this is that the reduction in hours for the agriculture minor will allow students in other majors to more easily fit the minor into their total academic program.

David Ray reported on changes in the School of Forest Resources graduate programs. Three areas of emphasis are provided now: Forest Sciences, Wildlife Ecology and Management, and Spatial Sciences.

David Ray reported on the Bachelor of Applied Science degree program. It is structured for students who have completed a technical career focus or who have obtained an associate of science, an associate of applied science, and/or an associate of applied technology degree. The program requires additional studies in general education and other academic and professional core courses. The final approval is now before the U of A Board of Trustees and the ADHE Coordinating Board.

David Ray reported that a course transfer website has been established by ADHE. Legislature mandated Act 672 of the Regular Session in 2005. The transfer curriculum shall be known as the "State Minimum Core Curriculum." Freshman and sophomore level general education courses offered at the Arkansas public colleges and universities shall be accepted for full credit in that subject-matter area of emphasis at all Arkansas public colleges and universities, if the course is included in the State Minimum Core Curriculum. This system will help students more readily transfer from one university to another and easily know which courses will definitely transfer.

David Ray informed the Board that the catalog for 2007-2009 for all three campuses is now being prepared. The usual order is 12,000 copies a year. However, this year the decision has been made to order 5,000 hard copies and 7,000 copies on dvd.

David Ray stated that UAM has just been approved for the Graduate Certificate (GC-SPED P-4 Licensure) Program. The Instructional Specialist additional licensure P-4 graduate level program of study is designed to prepare teachers to teach grades P-4 and meet Arkansas state Special Educational licensure criteria. The 12 hour graduate certificate will be in place shortly.

David Ray updated the Board on the Social Work Program Accreditation. At its October 2006 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education reviewed materials submitted by the baccalaureate social work program in support of restoration to full-accredited status. The program is now fully accredited through October 2013.

David Ray updated the Board on the Military Science minor (ROTC). The ROTC program has 3 contracted students (obligated for military service upon graduation). Currently 11 students are enrolled in one or more courses in the Military Science minor.

David Ray informed the Board that the AASN program in the Division of Nursing has been accredited through 2011.

Cynthia Montgomery introduced Dr. Clay Brown.

Clay Brown updated the Board on renovations in the cafeteria/dining hall. He says the renovations will hopefully be complete the last week of this month.

Clay Brown reported on the spring 2007 enrollment. He mentioned that the report is very, very preliminary. January 25th (the 11th class day) is the actual census day. He distributed an enrollment report to the Board which includes the following data as of January 10, 2007. For all campuses, the spring 2006 number of students enrolled in non-technical courses was 2,660. This spring 2007 number is 2,674, which reflects an increase of 14 students enrolled in non-technical courses at all campuses. The spring 2006 number of students enrolled in technical courses at Crossett and McGehee was 160, and now the spring 2007 number is 225. That reflects an increase of 65 students enrolled in technical courses at the Crossett and McGehee campuses. The number of students enrolled in a combination of technical and non-technical courses in spring 2006 was 78, and now the spring 2007 number is 167, which reflects an

increase of 89 students. The total number of students enrolled on all campuses in spring 2006 was 2,898, and now the spring 2007 number of students enrolled is 3,066, which reflects an increase of 168 students. Dr. Brown and Mr. Ray mentioned that these numbers are fluctuating currently and will more than likely change tremendously over the next couple of weeks. Dr. Brown also updated the Board on the occupancy in the residence halls. Occupancy is up. There were 646 students residing in the residence halls in the fall, and there are 534 students this spring.

Clay Brown updated the Board on recent and future student activities.

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration – Tuesday, January 16th (day after holiday) – There will be a celebration in the Green Room of the Gibson University Center at 12:30.
- Black History Month – Several speakers will be coming to campus throughout the month. Also, in the House Room of the Gibson University Center, there will be posters of African Americans that have impacted the history of our country.
- Tree Lighting Ceremony – The ceremony was held November 28th in the Green Room of the Gibson University Center. The ceremony included singing Christmas carols, lighting the tree, eating, etc.
- Canned Christmas Tree Donations – Campus organizations had a contest where each group made a Christmas tree out of canned goods. The total # of cans donated was 1208.
- Recycling Program – The student affairs office plans to try to start a recycling program. The Biology Club wants to increase efforts across campus and the Student Activities Board plans to fund the program.

Clay Brown informed the Board about the Phone Line Rebate Program. Mr. Hudgins had mentioned that the campus needed to free up 16 phone lines to increase the fire-alarm system, which resulted in thoughts about how to do so. The question arose about whether or not some students in the residence halls actually needed a phone line. Since the use of cell phones has increased so much, the students have been offered a \$20 gift card to the University Bookstore if they choose to forfeit their phone line that they may not need. Only 24 have taken the offer so far, but the 16 that were needed were obtained out of those 24.

Cynthia Montgomery introduced Mr. Jay Jones.

Jay Jones presented to the Board the 2nd Quarter Financial Reports that are to be reported to the Board of Trustees. He stated that tuition and fees are the biggest source of revenue aside from state appropriations. As of December 31st, UAM has taken in 52% of expected tuition and fees. The number in the fall semester is usually higher due to higher enrollment in the fall semester. Debt service is also usually higher in the fall semester. This report will be presented to the Board of Trustees in March.

Jay Jones updated the Board on the Master Plan. He stated that there's a lot of construction to occur at UAM over the next 12 to 18 months. The Weevil Walk project is substantially complete and the path is about 4/10 of a mile around. The new fountain in the pond is another nice focal point on campus. He also stated that 33 trees were planted in the month of December alone. Mr. Jones stated that some of the construction planned would focus on 5 metal buildings for Agriculture and Forest Resources. Also, additions will be made to Crossett and McGehee campuses this spring. Another plan is for a new athletic facility, so the football team and the band may practice indoors. Improvements will be made to the press box as well. Mr. Jones gave an update on the Wells/Sorrells project, and he stated that this project will be started in the late spring.

Jay Jones informed the Board about the plans for the funds from the higher education bond issue that passed. UAM will receive \$4.1 million due to the passage of this issue. This institution will be part of the e-corridor. This project should cost less than \$1 million. Data network upgrades

will run about \$750,000. There's also been discussion about upgrading the telephone system. Another plan is to replace the POISE Software once the best option is determined. A total of \$2.4 million will be set aside for that project.

Jay Jones updated the Board on the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. He stated that Legislative Audit had a good report for UAM.

Jay Jones updated the Board on the FY08 (fiscal year ending June 30, 2008) budget process. He stated that input is being requested from the different units and departments. This budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees on May 25, 2007.

Cynthia Montgomery introduced Ms. Linda Yeiser.

Linda Yeiser informed the Board about Centennial Circle. This is one of the many programs leading to UAM's centennial celebration in 2009. The Office of Advancement is working on fundraising for the program. They are trying to get 100 people to donate \$10,000 each of unrestricted funds.

Linda Yeiser updated the Board on the Athletic Campaign.

Linda Yeiser gave an update on Weevil Walk. She stated that 446 bricks had been ordered before homecoming and are now ready to be installed. There are also 133 more to place the order for, and there is room for 4000 bricks.

Linda Yeiser provided the Board with a Foundation Report. The next UAM Magazine should be out in about 3 weeks. Just recently, UAM received an art donation from Paul Maxwell with a value of about \$583,000. Mr. Maxwell wanted the art on display at UAM because it's the closest university to his birthplace. As mentioned before, the Foundation needed to sell 200 license plates to pay back the Alumni Association. Currently 130 have been sold. Several monetary donations have been made to the Foundation as well.

Linda Yeiser informed the Board about important upcoming dates. There will be an Alumni/Friends Reception in Baltimore, Maryland on March 3, 2007. This reception will be in conjunction with Twenty for the Future. There are about 75 alums in that area. Also, the date for next Homecoming has been set to October 13, 2007.

Cynthia Montgomery introduced Ms. Linda Rushing.

Linda Rushing informed the Board that the plans for the Crossett Master Plan are final.

Linda Rushing updated the Board on the new Hospitality Management Program. She stated that they're in the final stages of developing the curriculum standards.

Cynthia Montgomery introduced Mr. Bob Ware.

Bob Ware informed the Board that the McGehee campus has hired 2 adjunct faculty members as full-time employees. They are instructors for the Nutrition and the EMT course.

Bob Ware updated the Board on the McGehee Master Plan. The construction should start around mid-April.

Bob Ware gave the Board an update on the AHEOTA program. He mentioned that pictures of the students operating the equipment can be seen on the UAM website. The students cut 7 loads

of pulpwood off of a 30 acre tract. Silvercraft donated their services and hauled the pulpwood as it was cut and donated \$2500 for advertising.

Bob Ware updated the Board on the property purchase or exchange that's been a topic of discussion. After several meetings with the Vice President of McGehee Estates, they have agreed to swap 9 acres of front land for 16 acres of low land with timber. Part of the new nursing facility will be on that 9 acres.

Cynthia Montgomery introduced Kate Stewart (Chair of the UAM Assembly).

Kate Stewart reported that she attended a meeting at Arkansas State on November 17th where they discussed concurrent enrollment with Steve Floyd. The ADHE guidelines were discussed and they support UAM's view. Dr. Stewart stated that around 120 proposals were approved at the last assembly meeting.

Cynthia Montgomery introduced Dr. Jack Lassiter.

Jack Lassiter expressed his gratitude to everyone who made personal contributions in helping to pass the Higher Education Bond Initiative/ACT One. He stated that this region had a higher percentage of votes than any other region in Arkansas. He thanked the 16 member volunteer campus committee that helped with the campaign.

Jack Lassiter updated the Board on the lease for Drew Central. UAM will lease the current athletic stadium to Drew Central on a cost basis. The 2 acres east of the Drew Central campus will be cleared to use for practice.

Jack Lassiter informed the Board about the new location/construction of the Christian centers on campus. The plans are in place for the MBSF. Also, plans are in place for the Christians in Action to have a new facility on the east side of the field house. The BCM group isn't sure what they're going to do yet.

Jack Lassiter informed the Board that Congress took out the Planning Grant for the Forest Resources building. He stated that Senator Lincoln had encouraged for it to be put back in for consideration in 2008.

Jack Lassiter updated the Board on the Legislative Delegation meetings that he will be participating in this spring. He feels that they will support the campus. Dr. Lassiter will meet with Presidents and Chancellors and liaisons every Monday.

Jack Lassiter informed the Board that he asked the delegation to remove the proposal for changing the Board of Visitors appointment process.

Jack Lassiter invited the Board to go to a Trustee Day at the Capitol on Tuesday, February 13, 2007. This is an opportunity for board members of higher education institutions to communicate with local legislators. He stated that the university will provide transportation and expense reimbursement.

Jack Lassiter pointed out that the hosts of Arkansas Today are on the cover of the new alumni magazine. Also, he mentioned that an article on Board Member Frank Wilson, the recipient of the Achievement and Merit Award, is included in the new magazine as well.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.