

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors  
University of Arkansas at Monticello  
Fine Arts Center  
Spencer Gallery  
April 10, 2008  
4:00 p.m.

Board members present: Carlton Davis  
Marilyn Johnson  
Rhonda Mullikin  
Jeff Owyong  
Tommy Poole  
Bennie Ryburn, III

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

Chancellor Jack Lassiter welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

The Board approved the minutes from the January 17 meeting.

Dr. Lassiter introduced the following new board members:

- Carlton Davis, from Bradley County
- Jeff Owyong, from Desha County

Dr. Lassiter announced the reappointment of Reginald Glover and Tommy Poole.

Dr. Lassiter introduced Dr. Kathy Berry, new Vice Chancellor for Advancement.

Provost David Ray gave the following preregistration dates:

- Preregistration for all three campuses began April 7 and will go through April 18.
- Scholar's Day will be held April 21.
- Freshman preregistration will be June 24-25 and July 15-16.

Mr. Ray reported on course offerings. For Summer I, he stated that 190 classes will be offered, with 19 of those being on-line. He discussed three field trips that will take place during Summer I. For Summer II, 87 classes will be offered, with 21 of those being on-line. Mr. Ray reported that 915 classes will be offered in the fall semester. Of these, 55 are sponsored by Crossett, 67 are sponsored by McGehee, 48 are on-line, 34 are late afternoon/evenings classes, and 44 are Early College High School classes.

Mr. Ray reported on faculty vacancies and new hires. He stated that two faculty from Math and Science, one faculty from Music, and one faculty from Forest Resources have retired. Two of those positions are scheduled to be filled this fall and eight positions are currently open.

Mr. Ray reported on program assessment. He stated that CASAA, the Council on Assessment of Student Academic Achievement, has completed the review of all academic programs and is working with each unit to clarify problems noted in the reports.

Mr. Ray announced that commencement would be held on May 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. There are 561 students who are eligible to participate.

Mr. Ray stated that a proposal for a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree has been developed and is being reviewed by campus governance.

Mr. Ray made the following announcements:

- UAM Debate and Forensics program was crowned as national champions last week in Houston at the International Public Debate Association's National Tournament.
- UAM took top state honors in the Computer Information Systems competition.
- UAM nursing students won two national awards for the Image of Nursing and Community Service while at a convention in Dallas.

Vice Chancellor Linda Yeiser reported on the Centennial Circle. She stated that this campaign seeks 100 people pledging \$10,000 each, to form a \$1,000,000 endowment for the centennial celebration. The names of those making a pledge will be engraved on the clock tower. There are now 41 pledges.

Ms. Yeiser reported that the Campaign for Athletics now has \$567,450 in pledges or gifts. She gave thanks to Mr. Hugh Heflin for his help with this campaign.

Ms. Yeiser reported on a new endowment, the Mrs. Henry G. Hearnberger, Sr. Nursing Scholarship endowed by Ms. Maxine Clippert. Ms. Yeiser stated that two future endowments include the Chair of the Division Scholarship in Nursing and the Bill and Marilyn Webb Forestry Scholarship. Ms. Yeiser gave a report on other gifts that have been received, including the third of three \$100,000 gifts given by the Trinity Foundation.

Ms. Yeiser reported that \$11,300 in alumni dues has been received this year.

Ms. Yeiser stated that a phonathon will be held in May, with the anticipation of calling over 6,000 people.

Ms. Yeiser discussed the following alumni activities:

- There will be a UAM night on April 12, 2008 at the Northwest Arkansas Naturals baseball game in Springdale.
- 25 people will be going on the Rockies Rail Highlights trip to Canada, May 25 – June 2, 2008.
- Important dates for homecoming are:
  - o October 16 – Sports Hall of Fame Reception and Banquet
  - o October 17 – Alumni Association Reception and Banquet
  - o October 18 – Homecoming 2008

Vice Chancellor Jay Jones discussed the third quarter financial reports. Mr. Jones stated that as of March 31, revenues exceeded expenses by about \$2.6 million. He stated that as June 30 gets closer, they expect to come very close to breaking even.

Mr. Jones reported that budget hearings were held in March. Unit Heads met with the Executive Council and presented their needs.

Mr. Jones provided a handout which showed that UAM is in the lowest tier for the cost of tuition and fees among the four year institutions in Arkansas.

Mr. Jones provided a handout and discussed funding for the 2009 fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2008.

Mr. Jones announced that on May 5, they would make a budget presentation at the System Office. He stated that the Board of Trustees will give the final approval of the budget at the June 6 meeting.

Mr. Jones provided a handout which gave the following update on campus constructions:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Date</b>
Wells and Sorrells	October 2008
Indoor Athletic/Band Practice Facility	December 2008
Stadium Press Box	June 2008
Agri-Barns/Metal Buildings	June 2008

Mr. Jones gave an update on the information technology initiative, which is broken into five categories: educational technology, institutional database, administrative software, infrastructure planning, and campus communications.

Mr. Jones reported on the energy savings performance contract.

Vice Chancellor Linda Rushing announced that construction on the Crossett campus is 99% completed.

Ms. Rushing discussed the annual report for the Council of Occupational Education. She gave the following rates for technical programs:

Graduation Rate	58.65%
Total Completion Rate	64.42%
Total Placement Rate	91.04%
Licensure Exam Rate	100.00%

Ms. Rushing reported on curricula changes. She stated that all programs have been reviewed and are being processed for approval. She noted that four new Certificates of Proficiency have been proposed: Basic Computer Repair/Networking Skills, Industrial Equipment Repair Skills, Basic Office Skills, and Healthcare Office Skills.

Ms. Rushing reported that an Instructor for Computer Maintenance has been hired. She also noted that an offer has been made to fill the Instructor position for Electromechanical Technology-Instrumentation.

Vice Chancellor Bob Ware reported that construction on the McGehee campus is 99% complete.

Mr. Ware provided a handout and discussed the Career Pathways Initiative. So far, 29 students have been placed in jobs. This program also supports other areas of enrollment.

Mr. Ware discussed the AHEOTA program. He stated that they are trying to extend the timber program for another year. The construction program now has 27 students enrolled.

Mr. Ware provided a handout on non credit enrollment. These classes are for those who only want training in a particular area, without being tested.

Vice Chancellor Clay Brown provided a handout on enrollment. He stated that total headcount is down by 49 from Spring 2007.

Dr. Brown reported on the summer enrollment initiative. He stated that in order to help increase SSCH for summer, they would offer free housing. So far, 65 students have taken advantage of this offer for Summer I, and 50 for Summer II.

Dr. Brown stated that a bid has been made on a security system for the Library.

Dr. Brown reported on student activities:

- International Student Week took place February 18-22
- Weevil Welcome was in February, with over 450 prospective students visiting
- Black History Month was in February
- Spring Fling Week is going on this week
- Greek Week will be next week
- Wellness Fair was in March, with over 45 agencies on campus
- Career Fair was in March, with 35 employers on campus

Dr. Lassiter announced that Dr. Marsha Clayton, Chair of the Assembly, was not able to attend the meeting. He stated that the last assembly meeting of the semester will be April 29.

Dr. Lassiter stated that the 2009-2011 Biennial Budget meeting would be in January 2009. Decisions would be made about funding for the coming two year cycle.

Dr. Lassiter stated that there would be a Legislative Delegation meeting this summer. Invitations will be sent.

Dr. Lassiter announced that Herb Hutchison and Judy Kirkley would be retiring from the Board of Visitors. He also announced that Ben Hyneman has been appointed to the Board of Trustees. He will be replacing Stanley Reed.

Dr. Lassiter announced that there would be a beam signing for the indoor practice facility on May 1.

Dr. Lassiter announced that John Lipton has arranged for a Transportation Forum to be held on campus, May 15 at noon.

Dr. Lassiter requested if any old or new business needed to be discussed.  
None discussed.

Dr. Lassiter adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.