

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors  
University of Arkansas at Monticello  
Fine Arts Center  
Spencer Gallery  
October 8, 2009  
4:00 p.m.

Board members present: Jimmy Barrett  
Carlton Davis  
Reginald Glover  
Tommy Maxwell  
Lorraine McCullough  
Jeff Owyong  
Bennie Ryburn, III

University Personnel: Chancellor Jack Lassiter  
Provost David Ray  
Vice Chancellor Clay Brown  
Vice Chancellor Jay Jones  
Vice Chancellor Linda Rushing  
Vice Chancellor Bob Ware  
Ranelle Eubanks, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Jim Hudgins, Director of Physical Plant  
Scott Kuttenkuler, Director of Advancement  
Misty Paschall, Associate Vice Chancellor for Technical Education

Visitors: Tim Wooldridge, Executive Director, AAPU

Mr. Bennie Ryburn welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

The Board approved the minutes from the July 9, 2009 meeting.

Vice Chancellor Clay Brown introduced Scott Kuttenkuler, Director of Advancement.

Chancellor Jack Lassiter introduced Tim Wooldridge, Arkansas Association of Public Universities. Dr. Lassiter also welcomed two staff members of the Voice, Amber Rowe and Susan Pruitt.

Provost David Ray reported on fall classes. He stated that there are a total of 898 classes offered this semester. On the Crossett campus, there are 53 technical and 17 general education classes. The McGehee campus offers 51 technical and 32 general education classes. On the Monticello campus, there are 44 on-line, 16 CIV, 63 ECHS and 622 other classes.

Mr. Ray gave a report on new faculty and vacancies. The following are new faculty:

- Mr. Brian Hairston, Chair of CIS and Assistant Professor
- Mr. Andrew Williams, Assistant Professor of Chemistry
- Dr. James Woolly, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music
- Dr. Clinton Young, Assistant Professor of History

Mr. Ray announced that Dr. Carol Strong has been appointed Interim Dean in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, due to the resignation of Dr. Trey Berry. One other vacant position at this time is the Director of Social Work.

Mr. Ray discussed early college high school/concurrent enrollment. He stated that this fall, there are 12 different subjects offered with 341 students participating.

Mr. Ray discussed Act 971. He reported that this Act of the last legislative session requires end of course examinations for all remedial courses - math, english, and reading. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education says the intent of these examinations is to prove that colleges are bringing the students up to entry level standards upon completion of remediation. Mr. Ray stated that this Act is an unfunded mandate by the legislature and each individual college will have to absorb the cost of testing. The specific end-of-course examination UAM will administer is still under consideration. Mr. Ray noted that Act 971 calls for full implementation by fall 2010.

Mr. Ray reported on WICHE: Non-Traditional No More. This was a project to bring back non-traditional students, especially those who had completed 75% of their coursework. Mr. Ray stated that this grant has ended. He noted that in an effort to continue the initiatives set forth by WICHE, 16 institutional representatives from two-year and four-year institutions are continuing the effort by starting the "Adult Friendly Campus Initiative."

Mr. Ray discussed the Criminal Justice Program Review. He reported that there have been 110 graduates in the criminal justice program in the last 10 years. Of those, 35 received associate degrees; one had a psychology degree and continued to get the criminal justice degree, and one started at McGehee in Business Technology, completed an AASGT, an Associate of Arts degree, then a degree in Criminal Justice.

Vice Chancellor Linda Rushing provided the Board with a handout of Advisory Committees. She noted that the Council on Occupational Education requires that Advisory Committees be updated and revised yearly.

Ms. Rushing discussed recruitment. She commended Mary Whiting and the Office of Admissions staff for their hard work.

Ms. Rushing distributed examples of new logos for the Crossett campus. She noted that all program brochures are being revised to include the new logo.

Vice Chancellor Bob Ware gave an update on curriculum. He noted that they are now offering Health Information Technology, Health Office Skills, and Health Sciences. Mr. Ware stated that the Business program has been changed to offer Administrative Office Technology and Office Support. He also announced a new program that may begin next spring, Correctional Law Enforcement.

Mr. Ware discussed Personnel. There are three new employees at the McGehee campus:

- Dr. Jared Gavin, Mathematics Instructor
- Ms. Katherine Cobb, Biology Instructor
- Ms. Heather Groleske, Perkins Retention Specialist

Mr. Ware noted one vacant position at this time, Special Project Coordinator, due to the resignation of Vicky Haycox.

Mr. Ware gave an update on the Child Care Center. He stated that as of August 1, the Center has been turned over to C. B. King.

Mr. Ware stated that the timber grant ended September 30. He noted that he was very pleased with the program and feels it was a success. They were able to purchase equipment and develop curriculum as a result of the program.

Vice Chancellor Jay Jones discussed the FY 09 financial report. He stated that the legislative auditors held an exit interview today and there were no findings. Mr. Jones commended his staff for all of their hard work. He reported that the University's current assets are just over \$50 million.

Mr. Jones discussed campus construction. He noted that the Indoor Practice Facility has been dedicated, as well as the Clock Tower.

Mr. Jones gave an update on information technology. He discussed the ARE-ON project. This is a high speed internet connection that will allow researchers to connect with other universities, improve research capabilities, allow larger files and videos to be shared, give more connection to communities, and allow the sharing of health care information. Mr. Jones reported on the change from Poise to PeopleSoft. He noted that it will be more self-service for students, faculty and staff. Mr. Jones stated that Financial Aid will be implemented in February, Finance in July and HR in October.

Vice Chancellor Clay Brown referred to and discussed a quick facts handout that had been placed in the books. This report gave a breakdown of residence, county, gender, age, ethnicity, class, status and major of the 3482 students enrolled this fall.

Dr. Brown reported on residence halls. He stated that there are 676 students in residence halls this semester. He noted that the capacity is 689.

Dr. Brown reported that 382 parents attended Parent/Family Appreciation Day on September 19.

Dr. Brown provided a handout on the Office of Advancement/Alumni Affairs. He discussed the past three years of alumni dues, with \$15,055 being collected so far this year. Dr. Brown also discussed the fund raising phonathon that was held in June and the friend raising phonathon in September.

Dr. Brown provided the Board with a list of Homecoming events.

Dr. Brown noted that on September 1, 2009, the campus became smoke-free.

Mr. Ray gave the Assembly report for Dr. Clayton. He reported that the Board of Trustees approved the revised Assembly Constitution in the September 4, 2009 meeting. Mr. Ray noted that the assembly will meet during the fall semester on October 28 and December 2.

Dr. Lassiter discussed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. He noted that UAM will receive \$2.5 million in stimulus money to complete energy projects on all three campuses. Dr. Lassiter recognized Jim Hudgins for his idea to have an energy audit. He added that once the projects are complete, it is estimated to save the University \$300,000 a year.

Dr. Lassiter reported on the stadium lighting. He noted that the temporary solution was to add reinforcements on the base of the poles. He also stated that the students in Royer Hall were in danger and that immediate action was taken to ensure their safety.

Dr. Lassiter reported on the new appointments to the Board of Visitors. He stated that Frank Wilson, Marilyn Johnson, and Rhonda Mullikin have completed their second term. He also added that Lorraine

McCullough has only completed her first term and should be reappointed. New appointments will be made by the Governor.

Dr. Lassiter discussed the recognition of retiring members of the Board of Visitors. He stated that a section of Weevil Walk will be dedicated to Board of Visitors. A brick will be placed on the Walk with the name and years of service of each retiring member.

Dr. Lassiter reported on future projects.

- Retirement Village – a committee will be appointed to advertise for vendors for this project. Proposals will be evaluated and graded by the committee.
- Forest Resources Building – \$6.1 million has been committed, however, because the funds were committed during the last legislative session, only 75 percent is accessible. A design-build will be used for this project.
- Residence Halls/Greek Row – additional residence halls are needed, as well as facilities for Greek organizations.

Dr. Lassiter requested that the January Board meeting be changed to a different date and also be held on the Crossett campus. A decision was made for the meeting to take place on January 20, 2010 in Crossett. Dr. Lassiter also requested that the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting be moved to the McGehee campus.

Mr. Ryburn requested old/continuing business. None requested.

Mr. Ryburn requested new business. None requested.

Mr. Ryburn requested general remarks and discussion. None requested.

Mr. Ryburn adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.