

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors
University of Arkansas at Monticello
Fine Arts Center
Spencer Gallery
July 9, 2009
4:00 p.m.

Board members present: Reginald Glover
 Tommy Maxwell
 Lorraine McCullough
 Rhonda Mullikin
 Tommy Poole
 Bennie Ryburn, III
 Frank Wilson

University Personnel: 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
 Dick Kluender, Dean of the School of Forest Resources
 Misty Paschall, Associate Vice Chancellor for Technical Education
 Chris Ratcliff, Athletic Director

Mr. Bennie Ryburn welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

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

Vice Chancellor Linda Rushing discussed the Adult Education program. For FY 08-09, 422 students were enrolled in 1-11 hours, 304 students were enrolled in 12 or more hours, and there were 79 GED graduates. For FY 09-10, \$523,649 has been received for this program at Crossett and Hamburg.

Ms. Rushing discussed the Career Pathways program. For FY 08-09, 187 students were served, with 164 earning certificates. For FY 09-10, \$272,210 has been received for this program.

Ms. Rushing gave an update on personnel. She noted there is one vacant position for a Workforce Education Instructor for Nursing Assistant.

Ms. Rushing reported that the Council on Occupational Education would have an accreditation visit March 15-18, 2010.

Vice Chancellor Bob Ware reported that for FY 2010, a Perkins grant of \$96,667 has been received.

Mr. Ware discussed the Early Childhood Development Center. He stated that on August 1, 2009, the Center will be turned over to C. B. King. The Center will continue to be located on the McGehee campus.

Mr. Ware gave a report on the AHEOTA Grant. He stated that the grant is in its final quarter. He noted that a dozer, backhoe loader, scraper tractor, pull behind scraper and a hot water pressure washer will be purchased with this grant.

Mr. Ware discussed the Career Pathways program. For FY 2010, \$159,541 has been received along with a one-time grant award of \$15,000 for child care.

Mr. Ware gave an update on personnel. He noted two positions that are vacant at this time, a Biology Instructor and a Training Coordinator for the Small Business Technology Center.

Mr. Ware stated that for FY 2010, \$119,486 will be received for the Adult Education program.

Vice Chancellor Clay Brown provided a handout regarding summer enrollment. The total headcount for Summer I was 1,121, which is up 86 students from 2008. Dr. Brown mentioned that free housing has continued to be available to students during the summer terms, who enroll in 6 hours.

Dr. Brown gave a report on the Office of Advancement. He noted that \$9,230 has been pledged from the phonathon held in June.

Dr. Brown announced important dates:

- Saturday, September 19 - Parent/Family Appreciation Day
- Thursday, October 22 - Homecoming Parade – “Paint the Town Green”
 - Hall of Fame Banquet at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 23 - Alumni Banquet at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Brown gave an update on the Food Service Vendor. He noted that Aramark is the only bid that has been submitted. The Committee will meet next week, to review their proposal.

Dr. Brown discussed Centennial events. On June 30, the Cornerstone Coalition along with area businesses held a cookout in celebration of UAM and industries. On Thursday, September 3 at 7:30 p.m., Collin Raye will be in concert at the Convoy Leslie Stadium.

Dr. Brown thanked Mr. Glover for his volunteer work in the Office of Advancement.

Vice Chancellor Jay Jones discussed the FY 09 financial report. He stated that the fiscal year end was June 30 and a more complete report will be given at the next meeting. He commended his office staff for their hard work.

Mr. Jones discussed the FY 2010 budget. He stated that on June 5, the Board of Trustees met and approved the budget. He noted that some reductions were made in operating expenditures; however, no positions were eliminated. He also noted that tuition was increased from \$153 to \$158 per credit hour.

Mr. Jones gave an update on information technology. He stated that they are in the final stages of finalizing the contract on implementation of the new administrative software system. He noted that he would give a full report on this at the next meeting.

Mr. Jones gave an update on the Indoor Practice Facility. He noted that the architects made a final walk through of the building and noted a few problems that are being corrected. He said that substantial completion has been made and staff should be moving in soon.

Provost David Ray gave the Assembly report for Dr. Clayton. He reported that the Constitution was revised to formally incorporate the Colleges of Technology into the faculty governance system. The committee is comprised of two full-time faculty members from each COT and a faculty member from the UAM campus. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Technical Education will serve as a non-voting member. Mr. Ray announced that the Assembly will meet on August 19, during Professional Development Week, to vote on the proposed revisions to the Constitution.

Mr. Ray discussed new faculty and vacancies. He reported that Dr. Jennifer Freer has been hired as Assistant Professor of Social Work. Mr. Ray announced that due to the retirement of Dr. Jim Roiger, Chair of the Division of Computer Information Systems, a search is underway for his replacement. Two other positions are open at this time, in chemistry and surveying. Mr. Ray noted that the turnover in faculty has been low this academic year.

Mr. Ray reported on summer/fall pre-registration. There are 549 first-time freshmen preregistered for fall 2009. There are two additional freshman registration sessions, on July 21 and 22. Mr. Ray noted that Early College High School classes have not yet been scheduled for the fall term. There are a total of 2,239 students preregistered for the fall term.

Mr. Ray discussed graduates. During May and June, a total of 459 awards were made. For the academic year ending June 30, 2009, the preliminary count of awards total 815.

Mr. Ray discussed concurrent enrollment. He stated that this fall, there will be 14 different subjects and 19 high schools participating.

Mr. Ray reported on the Bachelor of Modern Languages. This new degree has been submitted to the Department of Higher Education and the Board of Trustees. It consists of the required 124 hours and is a rather unique language program requiring study in two foreign languages, plus 6 supportive hours in Latin or 3 hours in Latin and 3 hours in Japanese or German. The initial response from students has been positive. The AHECB will act on this proposal July 31, 2009.

Mr. Ray announced that the 2009-2011 catalog is now available on the UAM website. He noted that hard copies, as well as DVD copies, are expected to arrive any day. Copies of the catalog will be available to the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Ray distributed a copy of the new catalog's cover page.

Mr. Ray discussed Professional Development Week. This has been set for August 17 -21. The plans for the week will be very similar to last year.

Mr. Ryburn requested old/continuing business. Mr. Ray announced that Chris Ratcliff has been named Athletic Director and Head Women's Basketball Coach effective July 1. Mr. Ray noted that Alvy Early has returned to full time coaching and teaching, and commended his service as Athletic Director.

Mr. Ryburn requested new business. Mr. Ryburn mentioned the boll weevil national advertisement. Mr. Ray noted that KGB, Knowledge Generation Bureau, approached UAM in regards to creating this ad.

Mr. Ryburn requested general remarks and discussion. Mr. Ray reported that Chancellor Lassiter has made tremendous progress in his recovery and was recently on campus. Mr. Ray noted his appreciation for the outstanding work of the Vice Chancellors during Dr. Lassiter's absence.

Mr. Ray announced that a Task Force on Distance Learning has been established and Dr. Ranelle Eubanks, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, has been named to this group.

Mr. Ray noted that at the April Board of Visitors meeting, Dr. Lassiter had discussed plans to meet on the UAM COT campuses this academic year. He stated that the Board will be notified about the calendar dates for meetings in 2009-2010.

Mr. Ray announced that the next meeting of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board will be held in Siloam Springs, at John Brown University on July 31. Several staff members from UAM will attend.

Mr. Glover distributed a letter to the Board members, concerning the Centennial Circle. He noted that an anonymous donor has agreed to pay \$5000 if the Class of 2009 can raise the other \$5000. Mr. Glover encouraged all who could, to help with this campaign. At this time, there are 71 commitments to the Centennial Circle.

Mr. Ryburn adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.