

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors

University of Arkansas at Monticello

Fine Arts Center, Spencer Gallery

January 10, 2013

4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Tim Chase
Carlton Davis
Roger George
Bettye Gragg
India Holt
Michael Jones
Tommy Maxwell
Beverly Mihalyka
Jeff Owyong

University Personnel:

Jack Lassiter, Chancellor
Jimmie Yeiser, Provost/Vice Chancellor
Clay Brown, Vice Chancellor
Jay Hughes, Vice Chancellor
Jay Jones, Vice Chancellor
Linda Rushing, Vice Chancellor
Bob Ware, Vice Chancellor
Scott Kuttenkuller, Dean of Students
Chris Ratcliff, Athletic Director

Mr. Tommy Maxwell called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

The Board approved the minutes from the October 18, 2012 meeting.

Jay Hughes introduced Guy Joubert, Director of Student Activities and Programs, and Elson Riveria, Director of Food Services.

Dr. Lassiter introduced Dr. Gragg, new Board of Visitors member, and Dr. Yeiser, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Yeiser mentioned that the current enrollment of students that are still in high school has progressed over the past three years. He recognized many of the high schools in the area that offer CIV courses through UAM. He also mentioned that we have six graduate education programs and listed each of them.

Dr. Yeiser stated that UAM is up for reaccreditation in 2014-2015 by the Higher Learning Commission.

Dr. Yeiser stated that seven faculty members have retired or left since he started and all of those positions will be filled soon.

Ms. Rushing reported that the state board of nursing approved the nursing program for another five years.

Ms. Rushing mentioned that the adult education programs in the rural areas are harder to recruit for, and that she and Mr. Ware were discussing the possibility of merging their adult education programs. Dr. Lassiter stated that he sent a letter in December to request the merger of the two programs.

Mr. Ware discussed that the broad band services on the McGehee campus are not adequate. The internet service is very slow because of the lack of broad band. He stated that now they have joined with AT&T and will go from having 3 gigabytes to having 20 gigabytes.

Dr. Brown discussed the new spring community classes and the enrollment report for Spring 2008 through Spring 2013. He also discussed the following advancement/alumni details and events:

- UAM's baseball tournament in Houston, TX on February 1-4 and an alumni reception will be held that Friday night in Houston.
- Debate tournament will be on campus during spring break.
- The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on April 4-5 on the UAM campus
- Annual Spring Spectacular will be April 12-13
- The concert choir will perform on April 26 in Little Rock
- The Travelers baseball game in Little Rock will be on June 19.

Dr. Brown reported that there are three new scholarships to be formed, and that there are three that have reached the endowment level.

Mr. Jones discussed the 2nd quarter financial report for fiscal year 2013 and also went over the fiscal year 2014 budget timeline. He mentioned that on January 14, the IT department would be adding Wi-Fi access in five buildings on campus. He stated that students and faculty will be able to use more devices such as a tablet. He said that in the second phase Sorrels Hall, The School of Forest Resources, and the University Center will be Wi-Fi capable by the middle of March.

Mr. Jones reported on the Bankston Horsfall project financing, and stated that housing rates will increase accordingly.

Mr. Hughes stated that the dorm halls were opened on Sunday, January 6 and that there were 545 students in the halls.

Mr. Hughes reported that SCM Architects out of Little Rock and Kinco Contractors are the two companies that will be working on the Bankston/Horsfall Renovation job. He stated that they have met with architects and that the drawings are 80 percent complete. The project will start in March and should be complete in August. He showed the board drawings of the new designs for Bankston Hall and Horsfall Hall.

Mr. Hughes also gave an updated report on the Wellness Center mentioning that the old flooring and windows had been taken out, and that it will be ready by the fall 2013 term.

Mr. Hughes mentioned that the cheerleading program is no longer under student activities and has been moved to the athletics department. He also stated that February and March are full of student activities.

Mr. Ratcliff stated that the deadline for the completion of the baseball field is January 30 but was not sure if it would be completed by then.

Mr. Ratcliff mentioned that the Fall GPA's among the male and female athletes are really rising, and that 107 athletes have a 3.2 GPA or higher.

Mr. Ratcliff stated that they had hired Ashley Reiter as the new cheerleading coach.

Dr. Lassiter discussed the Lottery scholarship and how funding wasn't as high this year as it has been in the past. He also stated that a lot more students are participating in the scholarship than anticipated.

Chairman Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.