

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors

University of Arkansas at Monticello

Fine Arts Center, Spencer Gallery

October 10, 2013

4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Tim Chase
Carlton Davis
Roger George
Bettye Gragg
George Harris
Tommy Maxwell
Beverly Mihalyka
Jeff Owyong

University Personnel:

Jack Lassiter, Chancellor
Jimmie Yeiser, Provost/Vice Chancellor
Linda Yeiser, Vice Chancellor
Jay Hughes, Vice Chancellor
Jay Jones, Vice Chancellor
Linda Rushing, Vice Chancellor
Bob Ware, Vice Chancellor
Scott Kuttenkuler, 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 July's meeting.

Dr. Lassiter introduced Ms. Linda Yeiser, Vice Chancellor for Advancement and University Relations.

Dr. Yeiser reported on the Early College High School program. He stated that the program started in 2004 with 16 students and has grown to 666 students this year. He also mentioned that 35 high schools are equipped with CIV labs and that 3,515 students have participated in the program.

Dr. Yeiser stated that this year's unofficial headcount is 3,900, which is down about 45 students from last year.

Dr. Yeiser presented the Board with the following numbers that UAM currently offers:

- 758 face to face classes
- 82 CIV courses
- 87 online courses

- 1,108 students are taking at least one online class
- 35 Arkansas residents are fully online
- 20 nonresidents are fully online

Ms. Rushing reported that the Practical Nursing program at the Crossett campus had a 100% pass rate again this year. She stated that 14 of last 18 years they have had a 100% pass rate.

Ms. Rushing reported that beginning with this fall semester, UAM College of Technology at Crossett is offering concurrent technical courses with Crossett High School.

Mr. Ware mentioned that they have contacted several high schools to see how many students would be interested in the Automotive Technology program, and will open the program for enrollment in January 2014. He announced that they have hired Mike Curtsinger to run the Automotive Technology program.

Mr. Ware reported on their technical concurrent credit and stated that they had 53 pre-freshmen enrolled on three campuses.

Mr. Ware stated that since opening the Academic Learning Center they have had 256 visitors to lab, and that 298 hours have been logged.

Mr. Ware mentioned that their annual Advisory Board Dinner will be held on October 21, 2013.

Ms. Yeiser discussed Homecoming events, which will be held October 24-26, 2013.

Ms. Yeiser explained to the Board the new Nursing Simulation Lab.

Ms. Yeiser announced that 11 new pieces of art had been donated to the university.

Ms. Yeiser gave an update on future endowments.

Ms. Yeiser mentioned future events:

- Phone-a-thon
- Wine tasting at Monticello Country Club
- Alumni trip to Italy
- Summer trip for people of all ages

Ms. Yeiser stated that in February 2014, Clay Davis, Executive Director of University of Arkansas Foundation, is coming to speak to the UAM Foundation Fund Board Members.

Mr. Jones mentioned some personnel changes that have taken place:

- Information Technology - Bobby Hoyle retired and we will advertise internally
- Physical Plant - Jim Hudgins retired and has been replaced by Chester Ashcraft

Mr. Jones stated that as of October 1, 2013 employees are able to view direct deposits online, check their leave balances, and fill out their time sheets.

Mr. Jones reported the following construction projects taking place:

- rebuilding of rodeo barn
- replacing apartment roofs
- replacing A/C units on multiple buildings

Mr. Jones discussed the Composite Financial Index calculations that were given to us by the Higher Learning Commission.

Mr. Hughes stated that on October 25th at 11:00 a.m., the dedication of Bankston Hall will take place.

Mr. Hughes reported that they are looking at establishing policies to require first time freshmen to live on campus their first year. He said that we are the only institution in the state that does not have a residential policy for freshmen.

Mr. Hughes discussed the student activities that have taken place on campus so far this semester.

Mr. Hughes mentioned that all four campus ministers met and decided that on the last Monday of each month they will meet for breakfast with Guy Joubert and Jay Hughes.

Mr. Hughes reported that to meet federal compliance they have to distribute eight mandated disclosers to students and employees.

Mr. Hughes updated the Board on public safety and stated that their emergency procedure manual had been reviewed and updated.

Mr. Hughes stated that the Drew County Sever Weather Alert System was close to being installed and that there will also be a siren installed on campus.

Mr. Hughes mentioned that the Randy S. Risher Wellness Center opened on September 21st and that there has been a 53% increase of usage from last year.

Mr. Ratcliff reported on the stats of the men's and women's sports.

Mr. Ratcliff updated the Board on the progress of the baseball fields and discussed the invitation to Minute Maid Park.

Dr. Lassiter discussed an article found in USA Today where UAM was labeled as a red flag institution.

Dr. Lassiter stated that Chronicle Higher Ed recognized UAM as one of the fastest growing institutions in the United States.

Dr. Lassiter informed the Board of the coffee being held for Governor Mike Beebe on October 24, 2013 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Lassiter stated the following donations have been given to the University for General Improvement Funds:

- \$50,000 - Representative Lampkin
- \$300,000 – Senator Cheatham for Music building
- \$25,000 - Representative McElroy
- \$635,000 – Governor Mike Beebe for Microwave tower project for McGehee and Crossett

Dr. Lassiter discussed the new board member appointments.

Chairman Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.