

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors
University of Arkansas at Monticello
Fine Arts Center, Spencer Gallery
April 14, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Roger George
Betty Gragg
George Harris, Vice Chair
India Holt
Michael Jones
Mellie Jo Owen, Secretary
Gregg Reep, Chair
Lynn Rodgers
Linda Rowe

Executive Council Members Present:

Karla Hughes, Chancellor
Jay Hughes, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Jay Jones, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and
Interim Vice Chancellor for Advancement and University Relations
Linda Rushing, Vice Chancellor for College of Technology – Crossett
Lisa Shemwell, Chief of Staff
Bob Ware, Vice Chancellor for College of Technology – McGehee

1. Mr. Gregg Reep called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. The Board approved the minutes from the January 21, 2016 meeting.
3. Budget Preparation – Mr. Jay Jones
 - The work completed by the Executive Council has been more directly aligned strategically with this year's budget.
 - The focus of the budget cycle was student success. Budget directors were asked to provide data on retention and graduation rates, as well as prioritize their requests based on how the requested funds would impact student success.
 - The budget process this year is laying the foundation for future years.
4. Student Success – Dr. Karla Hughes
 - The Board of Visitors is an active and important advisory group for all three campuses. As the meeting formats are changed, they will be strategic in order to make Board members aware of current information regarding the institution. Meetings will also include more discussion.

- UAM's vision and goals were provided to Board members:
The University of Arkansas at Monticello will be recognized as a model, open-enrollment regional institution with retention and graduation rates that exceed its peer institutions.
Through these effort, UAM will develop key relationships and partnerships that contribute to the economic and quality of life indicators in the community, region, state – and beyond.
- Phase I of implementing a student success collaborative with the Education Advisory Board has begun. They are a consultant group, but are also coordinators for a partnership and membership in a student success collaborative. They will provide training and tools for advisors, faculty, and staff, and it will be an ongoing relationship.
- We are working diligently to have more data and use it to make decisions. The goal is for everyone to have a better understanding in order to benefit our students.

5. Tuition and Fees – Mr. Jay Jones

- Information was provided to the Board regarding proposed increases for tuition and fees, which is due to the System Office at the end of April.
- The Board expressed its support for Chancellor Hughes' vision of moving UAM forward with a plan for continuous improvement and growth in the areas of student success, professional development for faculty and staff, facility improvements, and learning and technology resource enhancements. Board members asked if it was appropriate for the Board of Visitors to endorse a motion regarding its support for the tuition and fees increase which the administration had detailed and for the purposes described by Dr. Hughes. Dr. Hughes stated that while the Board of Visitors does not govern, Board of Trustees members like to know where the Board of Visitors stand in support of the institution and especially on matters such as tuition and fee rates. Subsequently, Roger George made, and Bettye Gragg seconded the following motion which was unanimously approved.

The Board of Visitors expresses its support for the administration's plan to propose to the Board of Trustees a tuition and fees increase totaling \$25.45/credit hour (11.8%) for fiscal year 2017 for the Monticello campus and \$11.75/credit hour (12.3%) for the colleges of technology.

6. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.