

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors**  
University of Arkansas at Monticello  
College of Technology - McGehee  
Tour of UAM Facilities  
**January 5, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Executive Council Members Present:**

Karla Hughes, Chancellor  
Peggy Doss, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
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. Chairman Gregg Reep called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. The Board approved the minutes from the October 13, 2016 meeting.
3. Enrollment Report
  - a. Information was provided to Board members on preliminary enrollment and student semester credit hours for the spring. The data is being distributed to academic units for their involvement to help meet and improve goals.
  - b. Registration will open on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, and there are currently 400 new students scheduled to attend orientation. A comparison of admission applications received showed there was an increase of 5.5% from 2015 to 2016. A new online application has been purchased and plans are to launch it in April, which will help expedite the process for students, as well as bring UAM to a competitive recruiting level.

- c. Board members discussed the recruiting areas and asked if recruiters could contact them when in their respective areas, so they could attend recruiting events if available.

#### 4. Chancellor's Report

- a. Dr. Hughes thanked the Board for a wonderful first year, noting how supportive everyone has been.
- b. An update was discussed concerning the approval by the Board of Trustees to renovate the old Student Union into a Student Success Center. After more assessment and consideration, a revised proposal for new construction will be submitted at the January Board meeting. Other campus improvements will include approval for renovations in the Library and Horsfall Hall.
- c. Transitional organizational changes were discussed. Immediate moves include:
  - The Registrar's Office to Enrollment Services; and
  - The Physical Plant reporting directly to the Chancellor's Office under the leadership of Lisa Shemwell. Chester Ashcraft is now the Director of Campus Facility Archives and Maintenance Projects, and Rusty Rippee has assumed the duties of Director of Physical Plant.

Changes as of July 1, 2017 will consist of:

- The consolidation of Finance and Administration and Student Affairs to University Operations and Student Affairs led by Jay Hughes;
- The transfer of Arkansas Small Business Development and Technology Center and Community Education to Academic Affairs; and
- Jay Jones will serve as Vice Chancellor of Advancement to provide a foundation and infrastructure and place strong emphasis on fundraising.

#### 5. Reports were presented and tours were conducted on the following facilities:

- a. Roof of the Main Building
- b. Student Center in the Main Building
- c. Maintenance Shop

#### 6. Program Highlights – Details were provided and discussed regarding courses, certificates, and graduates in the following programs:

- Nursing and Allied Health (Emergency Medical Technology)
- Welding Technology

#### 7. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. to begin the Tour of Facilities.