

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors
University of Arkansas at Monticello
Taylor Library and Technology Center
Conference Room A
July 16, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Jim Daniels, Roger George, Dr. Bettye Gragg, George Harris, Michael Jones, Mellie Jo Owen, Gregg Reep, Scott Saffold, Mike Walker

University Personnel Present: Dr. Karla Hughes, Alex Becker, Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Moses Goldmon, Linda Rushing, Bob Ware, Jeff Weaver, Christy Pace, Dr. John Davis, Tawana Greene, Becky Hammett, Dr. Phil Tappe

1. Call to Order

Gregg Reep called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Dr. Hughes discussed the process of the new Board of Visitors and introduced the new UAM leadership team.

2. Vote to Elect Officers

A motion was made to elect Gregg Reep as the Chair for the Board of Visitors. The motion was amended and approved to reelect the past slate of officers:

Gregg Reep – Chair
George Harris – Vice Chair
Mellie Jo Owen – Secretary

3. Approve Meeting Dates and By-laws

Changes to the proposed meeting dates were made. All meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m. and dates for 2018-2019 will be:

October 25, 2018 – Crossett Campus
January 24, 2019 – Monticello Campus
April 25, 2019 – McGehee Campus

The revised By-laws for the UAM Board of Visitors had been provided at the Orientation Meeting in July, and by email for those who were not in attendance. The Board approved the revised By-laws.

4. Enrollment Update

An update was provided on enrollment and student semester credit hours. Financial aid was discussed, noting that the issues from the previous year were not just unique to UAM. However, measures are being put in place to help problems going forward. Recruiting material is being reviewed to make sure it is consistent and what students are looking for. The rebranding process was also discussed.

5. Chancellor's Comments

Challenges from being an open access institution were discussed, including the fact that UAM opens doors to students that other institutions do not take a chance on. And we create success and options for students from the beginning.

6. Degree Pathways Program

A handout was provided that explained the Degree Pathways Program. The approval process was discussed, noting consultation with several groups including high school counselors. If approved by the Board of Trustees in September, the program will begin in the spring of 2019.

7. Discussion, General Remarks, and Important Dates

The truck driving school was mentioned. It was noted that the option of offering the full program is being explored. Other exciting news discussed included the regional workforce grant and the Crossett campus' partnership with FAME (Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education).

A special event will be held on August 9, 2018. Board members will be receiving an invitation in the mail soon.

8. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. to tour the Student Success Center.