

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors
University of Arkansas at Monticello
Student Success Center, Room 208
October 17, 2019 - 3:30 p.m.

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

University Personnel Present: Dr. Karla Hughes, Alex Becker, Dr. Peggy Doss, Linda Rushing, Bob Ware, Jeff Weaver, Christy Pace, Dylan McClain, Amanda Minor

1. Chairman Gregg Reep called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. The Board approved the minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting.
3. Chancellor's Comments

Board members were thanked for their service and support of UAM. A brief reminder of the VISTA grant was given, noting that it is a three year grant. The employees hired for this project are graduates of UAM. They have completed a thorough analysis of our region. Dylan McClain and Amanda Minor were introduced.

4. Presentation on Southeast Counties and College-Going Rates – Dylan/Amanda

The following information was presented and discussed:

- College going percentage/low income percentage/average ACT;
- Comparative analysis of highest/lowest performing schools and potential solutions such as ACT prep, FAFSA events, Career events; and
- Educational options in our region.

A packet of information was also provided to Board members.

5. Workforce Grants/Business and Industry – Linda Rushing/Bob Ware

A complete list of grants received by the Crossett campus for 2018-19 was discussed and a handout given, which included the amounts and grant purpose. For the McGehee campus, a list of workforce training definitions were provided.

Information was provided on non-credit training, which takes place at both campuses. Courses are offered and students are trained, but this does not count in our enrollment numbers. Companies provide equipment to the campuses in order to train students with the skills needed by the company.

6. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.