

Executive Council Minutes

March 18, 2016

Present: Karla Hughes, Lisa Shemwell, Jay Jones, Jay Hughes, Linda Rushing, Bob Ware

1. Calendar Discussion with Carol Dolberry

For the 2017-18 calendar, a 12-week session for nursing will be added at Crossett, and a six-hour waiver will be discussed. Items being reviewed/researched for the 2018-19 calendar include an early start date for Crossett and McGehee, changing the start date to Monday instead of Wednesday, and reducing final exam days to four days instead of five.

2. Budget Discussion with Debbie Gasaway and Alex Becker

The budget process was discussed. Requests will be reviewed and prioritized according to critical needs for student success and retention, safety, retention of personnel, and maintaining infrastructure in technology. The Early Retirement policy has been reviewed for the past several years, and will be discussed at the April Assembly meeting.

3. Tuition and Fees Discussion for Board of Visitors

A comparison of UAM's tuition and fees and strategic initiatives for student success was discussed.