

Executive Council Retreat

June 29, 2016

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

1. Performance Funding

The following topics of performance funding were discussed: principles, measures, funding recommendations, transition play, and strengths/weaknesses of the model. Executive Council members were asked to discuss this information with employees in their areas.

2. Concurrent Enrollment

A work team was assembled to develop a pilot project narrative on concurrent enrollment at the Crossett and McGehee campuses. This request was presented and discussed, and will be submitted to ADHE.

3. Commencement

A strategic work group spent many hours researching the possibility of having commencement in the Fine Arts Center. Due to the several factors, including the number of eligible participants, ADA accessibility and maximum occupancy load, it is not feasible to use the Fine Arts Center for commencement.

4. Updates

- a. Textbook Fee Charges - Information was discussed regarding textbooks and supportive software. Dr. Doss, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Hughes will put together a work group to review textbooks, accessibility and costs, as well as propose fundraising ideas to assist students in obtaining the resources they need to be successful.
- b. Academic Council - A proposal was submitted to change the structure of Academic Council to Deans Council. This group will include the Deans of academic programs, and others may be invited as needed. This proposal was approved by Executive Council and will be presented to the Assembly for approval.
- c. Professional Development Week - A tentative schedule of meetings and activities was provided and discussed.

- d. Welcome Week – A cross collaborative work team revamped welcome week to help make it easier for freshmen to transition to college. The schedule of activities was discussed.

5. Scholarships

Information was provided on scholarship amounts, and charges for tuition, fees, room, and board for UAM and comparable institutions. A work group will develop a proposal for changes to scholarships for the 2017-18 academic year.