

Executive Council Minutes

May 5, 2020

Present: Dr. Peggy Doss, Alex Becker, Dr. Moses Goldman, Crystal Halley, Linda Rushing, Bob Ware, Jeff Weaver, Christy Pace

1. Board of Trustees Meeting – Dr. Doss

A brief update was given on the special called Board of Trustees meeting that took place this morning. Padraic, along with the Athletic Directors from UAPB and UAF, gave a report to the Board. There will continue to be further discussions on fall sports. The Board voted in favor of allowing campuses to have face to face classes in the fall. Appreciation of leadership was given to UAMS and Governor Asa Hutchinson.

2. Fall 2020 Strategic Planning – Dr. Doss

Topics were discussed regarding the opening of the fall semester. Vice Chancellors were asked to do extensive research in their areas for feedback and provide Dr. Doss with preliminary information by May 15th. It was agreed that tasks should be completed over the summer, and risks that could affect face-to-face classes in the fall, should be considered.

3. Enrollment Update/Housing Projections – Dr. Goldman

The number of admits is currently down; however, Ms. Whiting and her team are starting to field more calls and inquiries, and will begin sending weekly admission reports. Very few freshmen have made applications for housing, which is currently around 200 below average. Returning students seem to be waiting to see if UAM will be open in the fall, before completing housing applications. A request was made to consider waiving the housing deposit of \$100. The Executive council voted in favor of this request.

4. Update on CARES Act Fund Distribution – Mr. Becker

The calculation for distribution of the CARES Act Fund was discussed. Mr. Gadson has updated the information and the funds have been made available. An email will be sent to students soon with more details.

5. Financial Aid Update – Mr. Becker

Over the last decade, UAM has operated on a one year provisional approval for financial aid certification. UAM has now been approved for six years.

6. Impact of Strategic Plan – Dr. Doss

Strategic plans should be reviewed and updated as needed, taking into account the impact of COVID-19. Vice Chancellors were asked to designate someone in their area to review their respective sections of the strategic plan. This item will be added to the agenda for discussion throughout the summer.