

Executive Council Minutes

August 19, 2020

Present: Dr. Peggy Doss, Alex Becker, Dr. Moses Goldmon, Crystal Halley, Bob Ware, Jeff Weaver, Padraic McMeel, Christy Pace, Via Zoom: Linda Rushing

1. Athletics – Mr. McMeel

There has been no change since the announcement by the GAC on 8/14/20 to suspend all sports competition through the end of the 2020 calendar year. Coaches have been upbeat and are working on updating policies and procedures, and finding ways to engage students.

2. All American Back to School Rally – Dr. Doss

A drive-thru event hosted by the SEARK Baptist Association will be held on 8/23/20 for all school districts, including UAM. The Chancellor invited Executive Council members to join her at the Chancellor's Home to greet participants.

3. Student Engagement – Dr. Goldmon

Move-in this year was held over a period of seven days, instead of one. A few rooms were missed in the cleaning process but overall there have not been very many complaints. As of 8/18/20, 415 residential students have checked in. The no-visitation rule may be challenging.

The quarantine protocol was discussed. Students who are capable are encouraged to quarantine/isolate off campus. For those who are unable, rooms have been set aside and procedures are in place for care and safety of all students.

Freshmen Orientation went well. Four sessions were held on 8/17/20 with a total of 236 students. The last session was recorded and will be added to Blackboard. Help tents are set up around campus and have been very successful.

4. Finance and Administration – Mr. Becker

An update was given on enrollment and SSCH. The Executive Council approved to change the drop date to August 28 for those who have not shown any activity on attending classes.

5. Academic Affairs – Ms. Halley

The status of classroom preparations was discussed. Students will be added to course sections, if there is capacity, as long as social distancing can continue. Citizens Bank would like to recognize UAM employees when they have the grand opening for their new building. More details will follow.

6. Endowment Update – Mr. Weaver

Information was given on UAM endowments, scholarships, and fundraising activities. Notice was received today that UAM will receive a \$50,000 Windgate Grant.