

## **Executive Council Minutes December 7, 2020**

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

Old Business:

- Mr. McMeel provided an update on athletic events. For the basketball season, Arkansas schools in the GAC will play against each other and Oklahoma schools will play against each other. At this time, there will be no fans through the first five games.
- Chief Kidwell announced that a new officer, Devin Herron, has been hired. The campus crime survey has been completed and the Clery report will be finalized on Wednesday.
- Preparations are being made to add synchronized instruction for the spring semester.
- Messaging to students during the holiday break was discussed. Vice Chancellors will review all messaging in their respective areas before anything is distributed.
- The following updates on building maintenance projects were noted:
  - painting on the first floor of the MCB began last week;
  - bids have been re-advertised for the CFANR exterior staining;
  - renovations for the Agriculture building will be funded by the Bob White property sale;
  - the approximate cost to renovate the student apartments would be \$6000 per apartment;
  - costs for abatement and demotion of family housing was discussed.
- The normal process for summer camp approvals will continue. Camps will be advertised with a statement that the dates are pending approval by the UA Board of Trustees.
- There have been three transfer scholarship offers at this time.
- Vice Chancellors should review the list of building coordinators and send any updates to Christy.

New Business:

1. Review of Operating Procedures 800.2 and 810.1 – Proposed changes to these policies will be emailed to EC members for approval.
2. Faculty Voluntary Retirement Recommendations – There are currently seven requests for voluntary retirement. The Executive Council approved these requests.
3. Financial Aid Update – The position for financial aid director will be readvertised.
4. Requirement of Scholarship Recipients to Send Thank You Notes – The policy of requiring scholarship recipients to send thank you notes to donors was discussed. Students who do not complete this requirement will lose their scholarship. Vice Chancellors were asked to think about this policy and it will be discussed at the next meeting.