

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors

University of Arkansas at Monticello

Student Success Center, Room 102

January 25, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.

Board Member Present in Person: Roger George, Michael Jones, Mellie Jo Owen, Gregg Reep, Scott Saffold, Mike Walker

Board Members Present Via Zoom: Jim Daniels, Jeremy Sparks

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

1. Chair Mellie Jo Owen called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.
2. The Board approved the minutes from the October 28, 2021 meeting.
3. Chancellor's Report – Dr. Doss
 - Governor's Funding – Funding for the Arkansas Center for Forest Business in the amount of \$840,000 has been included in the Governor's budget proposal. The Board made a motion to send a letter of thanks to the Legislators who supported and played an integral part in this effort.
 - Campus Response to COVID Omicron Virus – UAM continues to work together to protect the health and safety of students, faculty and staff.
 - Windgate Foundation Grant Preparation – An application is being prepared for a second grant to enhance opportunities in Southeast Arkansas through need-based scholarships and to support nursing and health care programs.
4. Academic Affairs – Ms. Halley
 - Pending Partnership with National Park College – An agreement between UAM and NPC has been proposed that will allow students on the NPC campus the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree at UAM. This proposal will be on the agenda for the March Board of Trustees meeting.
 - Overall Enrollment Update – Students are continuing to complete their registrations. Enrollment as of today is 2457, compared to 2554 last spring. Census day is Thursday.
5. Finance and Administration – Mr. Becker
 - Financial Update – At this time, revenue for undergraduate SSCH is below budget, and graduate SSCH is above budget. UAM's cash position is still solid. There will be an increase in RSA funding in the next fiscal year due to productivity.

- FY23 Budget Preparation – Information was provided on preparations for the FY23 budget, which is due to the System Office on April 22. The budgeted undergraduate SSCH will be reduced substantially in order to bring budgeted SSCH in line with projected actual SSH for FY23.
6. Advancement – Mr. Weaver
- UAM Foundation Report – The UAM Foundation Board is doing well. They meet twice a year and Board of Visitor members are welcome to attend anytime.
 - An update was provided on fundraising, new endowments and donations.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Alumni Meet and Greet at Minute Maid Park – February 12
 - Oaklawn Alumni Event – February 21
 - McGehee Athletic Fundraiser – February 25
 - Memphis Grizzlies Game at FedEx Forum – March 26
7. Student Engagement – Dr. Goldman
- Housing Update – Leanna Payton joined UAM as the new housing director last September, and is doing an excellent job. There are an additional 63 students living on campus this spring compared to last spring. The occupancy rate for residence halls is at 70%.
 - Recruitment Update – Ms. Whiting and her team are doing excellent work, even with the struggles due to COVID. There are currently 627 applications for the fall semester.
8. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.