

# Executive Council Agenda

## January 14, 2025

**Present: Dr. Peggy Doss, Alex Becker, Dr. Landon Grimes, Crystal Halley, Dr. Tracy Tucker, Bob Ware, Dan Boice, Christy Pace**

1. HLC Update – Ms. Halley and Mr. Boice
  - ◆ An update was given and the draft schedule was provided for the Higher Learning Commission campus visit on February 9-12.
2. Spring Enrollment and Ongoing Coordination of Actions – Ms. Halley, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Becker, Mr. Ware, Dr. Tucker
  - ◆ A handout was provided on fall SSCH actual compared to budget.
  - ◆ As of this morning, 230 students have not finalized their registration.
  - ◆ The 11<sup>th</sup> class day has been moved to January 24 due to the campus closure.
  - ◆ Applications continue to be received and offices are working to get students enrolled.
3. Financials/Outstanding Student Bills – Ms. Halley
  - ◆ Students on hold are being contacted to find options for lowering their bills.
4. Housing Update and Policy Revision Status – Mr. Hughes
  - ◆ There are currently 401 students in residential housing, compared to 365 at this time last year. Students who have not finalized will continue to be contacted.
  - ◆ The approved revisions to the housing policy have been updated for fall 2025. The revisions are also being updated in the student handbook.
5. SGA/Student Activities and Engagement – Mr. Hughes
  - ◆ A list of events and activities that students have an opportunity to engage in was provided and discussed.
6. Commencement, Honor Students from Units/Majors – Ms. Halley and Mr. Hughes
  - ◆ Ways to recognize academic achievements were discussed. Some units have individual recognition ceremonies. This topic will be explored with Academic Council.
7. Voluntary Retirement – Ms. Halley
  - ◆ Information was provided on three requests for voluntary retirement. The Executive Council reviewed and approved all requests.
8. Status on Open Positions – All EC Members
  - ◆ Vice Chancellors gave an update on all vacant positions in their respective areas.

9. Budget Hearings – Mr. Becker
  - ◆ The tentative dates for budget hearings will be February 24, 25, 27, and 28. Details of what budget managers will need to present were mentioned.
10. HIRED Grant – Dr. Tucker
  - ◆ The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and will be returned today. The budget is being created and a zoom meeting will be held tomorrow to discuss the purchasing requirements.
11. PN for HS Students Update – Dr. Tucker
  - ◆ The interest shown by area high schools regarding the practical nursing program was mentioned.
12. Black History Month Plans – Ms. Halley and Mr. Hughes
  - ◆ Recognitions and events planned for Black History Month were discussed.
13. Upcoming Events – All EC Members
  - ◆ January 24 – Coordinating Board Meeting in Russellville
  - ◆ January 28 at 4:00 p.m. – UAM Board of Visitors Meeting
  - ◆ January 28 – Crossett Chamber Banquet
  - ◆ January 29-30 – UA Board of Trustees Meeting in Little Rock
  - ◆ February 3 – Hamburg Chamber Banquet
  - ◆ February 8 at 5:00 p.m. – Baseball Lights Presentation
  - ◆ February 17 – UAM Day at the Races in Hot Springs
  - ◆ February 21 at 5:00 p.m. – Softball Lights Presentation
  - ◆ March 3 – Weevil Welcome
  - ◆ March 6 – Be Pro Be Proud Draft Day at SEARK Education Cooperative
  - ◆ April 14-15 – New Student Priority Registration
  - ◆ May 9 – UAM Commencement
  - ◆ May 10 – NPC Commencement
  - ◆ May 27 – Arkansas Travelers Game