

Academic Council Minutes

Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall

February 20, 2008

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Dr. Joe Delap, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Frank King, Associate Vice President for Distance Education
Dr. Tim King, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs
Mr. Randy Harper, Vice President for Information Technology
Dean Fielding, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Dean Cynthia Harper, College of Education and Prof. Studies
Dean Sarah Latham, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Ms. Lisa Williams for Dean Earl Wade, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Louise Clark, Assoc. Dean, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Mr. Bill Hubbard for the University Library
Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar
Dr. James Rayburn, Faculty Senate President
David Jennings for SGA
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Special Services

Absent:

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Mr. Ralph Burke, Director, JSU-Gadsden
Dean Bill Carr, College of Graduate Studies & Continuing Education
Dr. Jay Ketterer, Director, International House and Programs
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment

Old Business:

1. Minutes of the January 16, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Mr. Randy Harper provided a Banner update. Banner core modules are in place. Supplemental modules will follow. Kick off of Work Flow takes place Thursday. An Extender application will also follow.

3. Fall application counts are up for Fall 2008. Accepted transfers are down, due to a change in the process, according to Dr. Tim King. Preview Day numbers look very good, although slightly below last year's.
4. There was no further old business.

New Business

1. Dr. James Rayburn reported that there are currently no recommendations from Faculty Senate.
2. Dr. Turner announced Board of Trustees meeting, 10:00 a.m., April 14. The meeting is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. Drs. Simmons and Turner will present on importance of accrediting of educational programs.
3. Dr. Turner reported on the successful accreditation site visit for Communications. The team will recommend accreditation without reservations. AACSB is also to make a recommendation for reaffirmation and maintenance of accreditation for the CCBA. Dr. Fielding outlined several areas in which the college excels and displays best practices.
4. Dr. Tim King provided a proposed Medical and Compassionate Withdrawal Policy. The existing policy only covers medical withdrawals and is vaguely formulated. He sees the need for a compassionate withdrawal. Dr. Turner recommended taking the draft of the policy to Deans' Meeting. A Military Withdrawal Policy also needs to be pursued.

Announcements

Dr. Turner provided a two-paragraph statement from Atty. Jason Odom concerning a report of a "threat" to campus that did not directly address anyone on campus (see handout). A plan is in place that can be implemented immediately.

Ms. Osterbind announced that schedules are available for Summer and Fall.

Dr. Tim King announced the opening of a Leadership House for Women in the former Pan-Hellenic House. Application process will determine participants. A program has yet to be completed, to include mentoring. Also, the parking-ticket process is under review.

Mr. Hubbard announced that six web sites are being migrated to Luminis via the Content Management system.

Dr. Clark asked about alternate PINs in Banner and how to distribute those. Ms. Osterbind clarified that PINs should be cleared by departments and not given out directly.

Mr. Jennings reminded all present of the Portraits in Courage performance as part of Black History Month. He also called attention to Higher Education Day, March 6.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Delap, AVPAA