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**Academic Council Minutes**

**Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall**

**August 19, 2009**

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs  
Mr. Vinson Houston, Acting Vice President for Information Technology  
Dr. Joe Delap, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Frank King, Associate Vice President for Distance Education  
Dr. Tim King, AVPEMSA  
Dean Bill Carr, College of Graduate Studies & Continuing Education  
Dean Bill Fielding, College of Commerce & Business Administration  
Dean John-Bauer Graham, Library Services  
Dean John Hammett, College of Education and Professional Studies  
Dean Sarah Latham, College of Nursing and Health Sciences  
Dean Earl Wade, College of Arts and Sciences  
Dr. Louise Clark, Assoc. Dean, College of Commerce & Business Administration  
Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar  
Ms. Patty Hobbs, Director, Public Relations  
Dr. Jay Ketterer, Director, International House and Programs  
Mr. Don Killingsworth, Director of Government Relations  
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment  
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Institutional Support Services  
Mr. Greg Bonds, Assistant Director, Athletics, Compliance  
Dr. Dan Krejci, Faculty Senate President  
Mr. Bryant Whaley, SGA President

Absent:

None

Old Business:

1. Minutes of the July 15, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.
2. Dr. Fielding addressed the summer terms proposal, noting that he was happy with its current form. Names for the terms are still under consideration. Mr. Wallace has stated that possibilities are relatively open. Dr. Clark requested clarification of the terms' names, recommending a "month-day" format. Dr. Krejci moved the proposal be approved and forwarded to administrative council. Dr. Fielding seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Details to proceed from Ms. Osterbind to Dr. Turner and then to administrative council.

3. Dr. Tim King provided the fall application count, noting that numbers are down. It is not yet clear what number to anticipate for actual registrations. Dr. Latham asked if enrollment numbers could be included with this set of data. That number was provided by Dr. Simmons in the information she provided (New Business, item 3).
4. Dr. Turner reported that the FY 2010 budget is likely to undergo proration by at least 6%. It is hoped that tuition dollars will help cover the current shortage in FY 2009. Revenue needs to grow through credit hour production increases, according to Dr. Fielding. Mr. Killingsworth noted that ca. 10% should be held in reserve for 2010 proration.
5. There was no further old business.

### New Business

1. Dr. Krejci reported that BOT member Randy Jones is scheduled to visit Faculty Senate the second Monday in October. Summer book vouchers continue to be an issue under discussion. Dr. Tim King stated that the issue is not related to financial aid. Business Affairs has reported that summer book vouchers cannot be provided. Dr. Krejci asked that the university find a way to provide the vouchers. Dr. Turner requested that Mr. Whitmore investigate with the Bookstore to determine what is needed for this provision. Mr. Whaley reported student complaints related to the lack of vouchers for summer. Dr. Ketterer suggested that the Bookstore make credit cards available for such use.
2. Mr. Whaley reported on Welcome Week events planned (handout). A student activity fee has been proposed to Dr. Meehan and received his approval (if done through the proper channels). The fee would cover an increase in the student life budget for entertainment events and funding to student organizations. A future use could be for new recreational facilities. Dr. Hammett recommended that outdoor recreational facilities and activities be kept in mind. Dr. Turner asked that a student interest survey be administered.
3. Dr. Simmons reported on fall 2009 head count numbers. The overall number was up 389 over 2008, with CHP up 1342. Ms. Osterbind noted that among the numbers provided on the charts "Marathon I" is not included. Dr. Turner noted that full-time freshman numbers would be useful to know. She also requested that seats be added to classes this fall, as needed.
4. Dr. Delap presented a student reinstatement appeal. The appeal was denied.
5. Other: Dr. Turner provided an article from the Chronicle of Higher Education concerning alternative approaches to remediation. She also noted the events calendar handout and that Congressman Rogers' visit to campus was not included.

## Announcements

Dr. Turner called attention to a handout with the fall 2009 academic calendar, noting the early ending time for annual opening meeting. Faculty members are to assemble on the West end of the coliseum for Freshman Convocation at 6:15 on Tuesday. RSVP to Ms. Sharee Hutchinson. She also announced that Rick Bragg will launch his next book tour from JSU on October 7, noting a recent reception at Alabama Booksmith.

Mr. Houston inquired into the location of the Honors Program, to which Dr. Wade responded that it is in the old Newsome house.

Mr. Graham reported that the Library is installing security cameras this week. The coffee shop is opening with the logistics and regular issues related to opening a business still being worked out.

Dr. Simmons noted 1145 first-time freshmen registered, compared to 1299 this time last year. Distance learning numbers are 2724 compared to 3224 last year. PRISM reporting is due September 15. U.S. News & World Report again ranks JSU in the third tier.

Dr. Latham announced that the Committee on Health Services will meet, now that a new director, Amanda Bonds, is in place. The STEP program is expanding, and by allowing the 5<sup>th</sup> semester to be completed in the summer more nurses are graduating. Additional sections of NU121 are being added to increase revenue.

Dr. Clark mentioned that UA had reported cases of swine flu and asked if JSU has a plan.

Dr. Tim King noted that Ms. Bonds has conducted research on the swine flu situation and will pull together a committee. Dr. Turner stated that shots would be available and that students would be informed of where to go for those.

Dr. Ketterer reported that Texas is looking to distance education as a fall back in case of swine flu.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Delap, AVPAA