

## **Academic Council Minutes**

### **Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall**

**February 18, 2009**

#### 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. Vinson Houston, Acting Vice President for Information Technology  
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  
Dr. Brent Cunningham, Faculty Senate President  
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Institutional Support Services  
Mr. Greg Bonds, Assistant Director, Athletics, Compliance  
Mr. Tyrone Smiley for Ms. Jennifer Nix, SGA President

#### Absent:

Mr. Don Killingsworth, Director of Government Relations  
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment  
Dr. Jay Ketterer, Director, International House and Programs

#### Guests:

Ms. Vickie Adams, Director, Financial Aid  
Ms. Martha Mitchell, Director, Admissions  
Mr. Martin Weldon, Scholarship Coordinator

#### Old Business:

1. Minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.
2. Mr. Graham reported provided an update on the new look migration. Mr. Houston reported on payment plan software rollout, with a date yet to be announced (Summer 2009 implementation planned). He also discussed e-ballot software for SGA voting online and other possible uses (such as surveys).

3. Dr. Turner provided an update on federally funded projects being developed and on the Washington, DC, trip last week. JSU hosted Alabama delegates and guests. Eight good projects are being proposed. Copies of booklets describing the projects will be sent out. Emergency Management was a clear favorite among the delegates.
4. Dr. Turner reported on Economic Stimulus funding opportunities for higher education, especially upgrades to facilities. Funding will flow through the governor's office.
5. There was no other Old Business.

### New Business

1. Dr. Cunningham reported issues under discussion by Faculty Senate, including questions about the summer schedule and decision dates on classes making or not making. He will be meeting with Dr. Simmons concerning evaluation of JSU executives. Implementation of the academic reporting system for athletes, IDEA and minimum GPA's for academic standing were also under discussion among Faculty Senate members. May-term work and the transition from instructor to assistant professor are also FS concerns.
2. Mr. Smiley presented resolutions from SGA concerning a) extended library hours, b) parking decals and c) direct deposit of refund checks, with the following decisions rendered:

- a) was sent to the deans for further deliberation;
- b) was approved; and
- c) was approved.

He also inquired into the status of resolutions previously sent forward by Academic Council. "Open mic night" coffee house was announced.

3. Dr. Latham reported on the need for Student Health Appraisals and Proof of Immunization for students. Concerns revolve around the university's ethical obligation to provide a healthy environment and its legal liability. A handout with ACHA guidelines was provided. Ms. Osterbind commented that holds could be implemented to enforce compliance with immunizations. Dr. Turner appointed a study group consisting of Dr. Carrie Elkins, Dr. Tim King, Dr. Frank King, Mr. John Graham and Dr. Bill Carr, to develop policies and processes.
4. Dr. King and guests provided information on recommendations from the Scholarship Committee to Dr. Meehan, which would change requirements for scholarships to make them more attractive to prospective students (see handouts). Out-of-state students currently eligible for in-state rates would also become eligible for scholarships under the proposals. Questions posed by deans were also

addressed in the information provided. Scholarship calculations would go to cumulative rather than hand calculated, if approved. Having students apply for admission as part of the scholarship eligibility process is the norm at colleges. Students who apply to us receive an immediate response, according to Mr. Weldon. The guests also reported on Scholarship Day, which took place on the last Saturday in January and was a success. Dr. Cunningham commented on the improvements to the process and success of scholarship events. He queried the universal need for FAFSA completion. The Scholarship Committee's recommendations were approved and forwarded to Academic Council.

5. Dr. Hammett presented a policy recommendation providing for scholarship credit to be awarded to cooperating teachers or their dependents (memo enclosed). Concerns that time limits need to be imposed on the scholarships were expressed. Dr. Latham asked if a similar policy might be proposed for preceptors in Nursing. Dr. Hammett's recommendation was approved for forwarding to Administrative Council.
6. Dr. Turner commented on the need for a link on the JSU homepage with information about tuition and costs.

There were no announcements.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Delap, AVPAA