

Academic Council Minutes

Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall

January 7, 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
Dr. John Hammett, College of Education and Prof. Studies
Dean Sarah Latham, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Dean Earl Wade, College of Arts and Sciences
Mr. Ralph Burke, Director, JSU-Gadsden
Dr. Jay Ketterer, Director, International House and Programs
Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar
Ms. Debbie Taylor for Jennifer Nix, SGA President

Absent:

Dr. Louise Clark, Assoc. Dean, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment
Dr. Brent Cunningham, Faculty Senate President
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Special Services

Old Business:

1. Minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Mr. Houston and Mr. Graham provided Banner and Luminis updates. Registration is ongoing without problems. Wireless access has been added to the International House and areas in Fitzpatrick and Pannell not previously covered. Students will need to be made aware of the increased wireless coverage. Administrative and Business Affairs sites are up and running, including Policies and Procedures and Business Affairs manuals. Project teams are working with Faculty Senate representatives and support personnel.
3. Dr. Turner reported that the VPIT vacancy and others are not being filled due to proration. Mr. Houston will continue to serve as interim VPIT. The three VPIT

candidates who visited campus have been informed and the committee has been thanked for its service.

4. Dr. Turner noted that the two resolutions from Faculty Senate and the one from Student Government approved at the last meeting went to Administrative Council for approval. The Faculty Senate documents were approved as amended, whereas the SGA resolution is still under consideration by the president (and was not supported by Administrative Council).
5. Ms. Osterbind provided the approved Academic Calendars for 2009-10 and 2011-12. She noted that the entire week of Thanksgiving would not be a holiday but rather the customary three days off.

New Business

1. Dr. Turner presented a handout documenting Fall 2007 and 2008 course overrides by user id for deans' information purposes, sharing with departments and discussion with department heads. Also available from the VPASA is a list of all courses and coded prerequisites (a large volume). Dr. Carr noted the unwieldy nature of prerequisites in general and difficulty of keeping up with them.
2. Ms. Taylor reported that there were no SGA issues to share with the group.
3. Dr. Turner reported on recommendations for budget reductions due to proration. She also reported on a meeting with the Governor's staff to discuss the effects of budget cuts on institutions of higher education in the state. Dr. Simmons' publication was very helpful in this regard, speaking to JSU's needs, featured programs and academic quality. It is hoped that the information provided to the Governor's staff will be used to our benefit. Mr. Killingsworth pointed out the opportunity to be found in the situation and to the positives of the meeting. Global education will be more of a focus as concerns economic development. 2010 will likely be no better for the state budget than the current year. Dr. Ketterer commented on the history of working with the Alabama Development Commission and pointed to the importance of keeping the ADC apprised of our resources (especially our ties with China).
4. Dr. Turner reported on organizational changes and changes in responsibilities within the division. With the Director of Academic Advisement being converted to Director of Grants, Contracts and Government Relations, Academic Advisement reverts to the AVPAA. Mr. Killingsworth takes over Sponsored Programs responsibility effective immediately. JSU-Gadsden will also report directly to the AVPAA effective immediately.
5. Dr. Turner noted the change in state mileage reimbursement to \$.55/ mile, effective January 1, 2009.

6. Dr. Turner announced that the RFP for Research Grants has been suspended. If the budget situation allows, the RFP could go out at a later date. One possible use for the Research Grants funding is to augment professional development support (travel to present at conferences), as this has already been made a priority. Also, cooperation with Oak Ridge National Laboratory is underway with \$190,000 provided to JSU this year and a potential for as much as \$1.6 million next year (2/3 of which would come to JSU).

Announcements

Ms. Taylor reminded those present of the Miss JSU Pageant at 6 p.m., January 9.

Dr. Wade announced that the new Department Head for PES, Dr. Lou Reinisch, has begun work.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Delap, AVPAA