

## **Academic Council Minutes**

### **Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall**

**May 6, 2009**

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs  
Dr. Tim King, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs  
Dr. Frank King, Associate Vice President for Distance Education  
Dean Bill Carr, College of Graduate Studies & Continuing Education  
Dean Bill Fielding, College of Commerce and Business Administration  
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  
Dean John-Bauer Graham, Library Services  
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment  
Dr. Jay Ketterer, Director, International House  
Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar  
Dr. Don Krejci for Dr. Brent Cunningham, Faculty Senate President  
Mr. Greg Bonds, Assistant Director, Athletics, Compliance  
Mr. Bryant Whaley, SGA President

Absent were:

Mr. Vinson Houston, Acting Vice President for Information Technology  
Dr. Joe Delap, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Louise Clark, Associate Dean, College of Commerce and Business Administration  
Dr. Brent Cunningham, Faculty Senate President  
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Special Services  
Ms. Patty Hobbs, Director, Public Relations  
Mr. Don Killingsworth, Director of Government Relations

Old Business

1. Minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Dr. Alicia Smith discussed the May term enrollment data. As of May 5, 2009, the enrollment count, when compared to the May 2008 semester, was down 91 students. Credit hours were down 958 in all categories. It was observed that students were taking fewer credit hours. Dr. Fielding stated that his colleges lost students due to their being voided. It was mentioned that the new payment plan will help with enrollment. Dr. Turner stated that the university will increase its efforts to promote the payment plan.

There was no further old business.

### New Business

1. The Academic Council approved the Faculty Honors Committee of the Faculty Senate's recommendation that Mr. Rufus Kinney, Instructor of English, and Dr. Carter Osterbind, Professor of Art, be granted Emeriti Status.
2. The Academic Council reviewed the petition of Ms. Stephanie Siverson to be reinstated to the university effective summer 2009. After consideration, the Academic Council denied the requested reinstatement.
3. Dr. Turner discussed the purchasing of the *Tradition of Excellence* with State appropriated funds. A memorandum from Mr. Joe Serviss stated that the State Attorney General's Office did in fact allow State funds to be used to purchase copies of the book.
4. Dr. Krejci discussed three memorandums related to the following: Full-tuition Waiver for Full-time Faculty Recommendation; Recommendation for Changes to the Jacksonville State University Tenure and Promotion Policies, and University Travel Grant Committee Policy Changes. After consideration, all three memorandums were referred back to the Council of Deans for further deliberation.
5. Dr. Turner stated the need to enforce the Pepsi Contract. Dr. Turner requested that members of the Academic Council review and disseminate the terms of the contract to their faculty and staff.
6. Dr. Alicia Simmons provided information related to the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA). The CLA focuses on student problem solving skills while C-Base is more knowledge based with a focus on general education content. The CLA considers ACT scores in its comparisons among students, providing a level base for comparisons. It is felt that the CLA can provide some excellent information for analysis. A random sample of 100 freshmen will take it in the fall semester and 100 randomly selected seniors will take it in the spring semester. In

addition, the combination of the C-Base and CLA will provide information that should contribute to a thorough analysis of general student learning and support a successful SACS visit. Dr. Simmons asked the Academic Council to approve that the CLA could be used as a graduation requirement in lieu of the C-Base exam, which would provide additional incentive for seniors to take the CLA. The Academic Council was in unanimous agreement to support this option beginning in 2009-2010. Dr. Simmons will coordinate with the deans and registrar's office to implement.

7. Dr. Turner mentioned the need to promote the Fulbright Scholar program within the colleges. A letter from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) highlighted various benefits to be obtained through participation.
8. Dr. Turner reviewed the Education Trust Fund Comparison Sheet. The Sheet listed funding that was approved for next year. Total FY 2010 funding for JSU was \$43,153,407. Earmarks were discussed including funding for the Film and Entertainment Initiative. It was mentioned that the funds for this particular earmark were provided by all schools in Alabama with contributions from their individual budgets. How this money will be spent will be determined at a later date.
9. Dr. Fielding mentioned revenue estimates. He stated that there will be a decrease in tuition estimates due to a decline in enrollment.

There were no further items of new business.

#### Announcements

1. Mr. Greg Bonds stated that JSU will host the 2009 OVC Softball Championship Games. Dr. Turner will pitch the first ball.
2. Ms. Kelly Osterbind thanked all who participated in the graduation. JSU experienced the largest percentage of students in attendance at any recent graduation ceremony.
3. Dr. Don Krejci stated that the Faculty Awards Banquet will be May 12. Dr. Turner stated that many categories of recipients will be acknowledged.
4. Mr. John-Bauer Graham reminded the Academic Council that the Rick Bragg Book Signing will take place on May 11.
5. Dr. Tim King mentioned that there will be Campus Emergency Response Training in the Houston Cole Library parking lot on May 18, 28 and June 3. It is necessary to sign up for the event. Ms. Melonie Carmichael can be contacted for additional information.

6. Dr. Turner discussed the awarding of the food service contract to Sodexo. It was mentioned that Sodexo should keep the deans and building managers informed regarding any modifications to their buildings.
7. Dr. Turner updated the Academic Council regarding the new transportation system to be implemented in the fall. There will be 10 buses and three routes. One of the routes will serve the community with a turnaround near the Jacksonville Hospital. On some evenings, community transportation will be provided.
8. Dr. Turner mentioned that the Leon Cole Cafeteria will be closed this summer. Students will be served in an air-conditioned tent with wood flooring to be located in front of the cafeteria. The tent is designed to withstand 70 mile per hour winds.
9. Dr. Turner stated that work on the elevator in Bill Graves Hall will commence soon. The elevator will be located at the north end of the building.

There were no further announcements.

Respectfully submitted by Frank. King, AVP for Distance Education