

**University Council
Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall
September 16, 2015**

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Dean Earl Wade, College of Arts & Sciences
Dean Bill Fielding, College of Commerce and Business Administration
Dean Christie Shelton, College of Nursing
Ms. Emily White, Registrar
Dr. Charles Lewis, Vice President for University Advancement
Ms. Tracy Broom for Mr. Greg Bonds, Associate Athletic Director, Internal Affairs
Ms. Allyson Barker, Vice President for Administrative and Business Affairs
Dean John Hammett, College of Education and Professional Studies
Dr. Joe Walsh, Associate Vice President for Educational Technology and Support
Mr. Tyler Brown, President, SGA
Dr. Joe Delap, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies
Mr. Vinson Houston, Vice President for Information Technology
Dean John-Bauer Graham, Library Services
Mr. Tim Garner, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Vice President Research, Planning and Collaboration
Dr. Louise Clark, Associate Dean, College of Commerce and Business Administration
Dr. Tim King, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Affairs
Dr. Windon Edge, Faculty Senate President
Mr. Don Killingsworth, Government Relations
Mr. Don Thacker, Interim University Auditor
Mr. John Rosier, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment

Absent:

LTC David Wood, Military Science
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Associate Vice President for Business and Auxiliary Services
Mr. Sam Monk, University Counsel

Guest: Dr. John Beehler, President

Old Business:

Minutes of the August 5, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Dr. Rebecca Turner brought forward a recommendation from the Deans Council regarding the *Summer 2016 Proposed Schedule*. After much discussion, **Option #4 was approved** by the

University Council members. **The proposal will be sent to President Beehler for his approval.**

Addendum

After the approval of Option 4 for Summer 2016, the Registrar and Financial Services staff met with Dr. Turner to work out the logistics for what is called a "flex term". In order to meet the needs of all and to verify attendance for student financial aid purposes, a new **Option 5** schedule was proposed. It is Six Term **Option 5**, and includes three, 4 week terms within which you may schedule courses as four week courses or two week courses; two six week terms; and one 12 week term. The Summer 2016 terms begin May 9 and end July 26, with all 6 terms fitting neatly into those three months. Dr. Turner recommended that the two week courses be used for graduate courses only for now, until we see how they work for students and faculty. **The proposed option was approved on September 29, 2015 via email vote of University Council. The proposal was sent to President Beehler for his approval.**

New Business:

Ms. Emily White announced several changes which will be implemented in future commencement ceremonies. Summer graduation will be conferral only – there will be no ceremony. Fall will be the default graduation for those students who wish to participate in a ceremony. Additionally, students may petition to participate in the Spring graduation ceremony if they meet certain criteria. Actual diplomas will be mailed to students rather than receiving them at the graduation ceremony. Lastly, Ms. White reported the Fall Graduation Fair will be held on October 1st in the Theron Montgomery Building.

Dr. Windon Edge shared recommendations from the Faculty Senate regarding *Policy II:02:06, Emeriti Faculty and Administrators Policy*. The Senate recommended a slight modification of language (add “**director**” alongside department head) in the policy. There was a motion and a second to **approve the recommendation.**

Dr. Tim King gave an update on the completed Title IX training sessions.

Dr. Turner reported that President Beehler has approved the *University Owned Vehicles Policy*, as well as, the *Employee Self-reporting Policy*.

Dr. Joe Walsh gave an update on the *Summer Online Pilot Study*. He recommended that JSU continue to offer the summer online classes at the regular tuition rate as the enrollment in those classes doubled. Ms. Emily White will provide a report from “College Scheduler” to determine what courses students desire during the summer terms.

Dr. Turner announced JSU has been unofficially notified that we are receiving a U.S. Department of Education Federal Grant to fund a *Center for Veterans Support Services*.

The following report was given by the SGA: Mr. Tyler Brown stated *Welcome Week* was a big success; voter registration drive is going on this week; and lastly, there will be a blood drive on campus next week.

Announcements:

Mr. Vinson Houston announced issues being experienced with the internet this week have been resolved. Also, Mr. Houston announced over five-hundred iPads were distributed to students as part of the QEP (Quality Enhancement Program).

Dean John-Bauer Graham announced Author, Sonny Brewer, will speak at the *Friends of Houston Cole Library* meeting on September 24th at the library.

Mr. Tim Garner reported there has been a surge in social media since the Auburn vs JSU football game last Saturday.

Dr. Alicia Simmons shared a report on graduation and retention rates which have been rising over the past three years.

Dr. Christie Shelton announced that the *BS in Respiratory Therapy* program was approved at the recent ACHE meeting in Montgomery, AL. Also, the *Inaugural White Coat Ceremony* for the College of Nursing will be held September 17th.

Meeting Adjourned.