

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting
October 16, 2015**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee held a meeting on October 16, 2015 in the Sandridge Student Center Conference Room.

**PRESIDING: DR. MARK HEINRICH
CHAIR, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Dr. Mark Heinrich.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following committee members were present:

Dr. Mark Heinrich
Dr. Ron Ingle
Mr. Clint Shelton
Ms. Crystal Brown
Dr. Tedi Gordon
Dr. Jess Brown
Ms. Stacie Hughes
Ms. Vicki Johnson
Judge David Breland

Dr. Vic Wilson and Mr. Joe Collazo were absent.

Visitors attending were Ms. Belinda Krigel (CIO/Associate VPAA), Dr. Jackie Smith (Assistant VPAA), Dr. Ron Fritze (Dean, College of Arts & Sciences), Dr. Pat Sims (Dean, College of Education), and faculty members (Dr. Adam Lewis and Dr. Sara Cline).

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Ingle announced that he, the Dean's Council, and Sarah McAbee have been visiting various community colleges to meet administrators on those campuses to share information, receive suggestions on improving services to their college, and to build strong relationships with their institution.

Athens State University is working with administrators at Calhoun Community College to secure Terry Obanion, President Emeritus, League for Innovation, to speak at a joint meeting with the faculty of both institutions.

Dr. Ingle and Dr. Glenn have discussed the importance of having a safe campus and intend to hold Active Shooter training for the campus. The focus will be on taking necessary steps for safety in each building on campus. Judge Breland indicated that the Decatur City Police Department has conducted much training on this subject and suggested that Athens State contact the DPD for help.

Dr. Ingle shared that Paul Olsen, Professor of Graphic Design at Coastal Carolina University, is currently visiting the Alabama Center for the Arts (shared with Calhoun Community College) to offer his advice on collaboration

between the institutions, sharing facilities, recruiting, program curriculum and a 2 + 2 program for Art with Calhoun Community College. Dr. Heinrich thanked Dr. Ingle for his support and especially in efforts regarding reverse transfer agreements with the students in the Alabama Community College System.

New Programs

The following new programs will be presented to the Board of Trustees today for approval:

College of Arts and Sciences

1. Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and B.S. in Information Technology (Computer Networking Option). These new programs current exist as options with the B.S. in Computer Science – Computer Information Systems Option and Computer Networking Option. The Computer Science Department is currently seeking accreditation from ABET for the B.S. in Computer Science.
2. Bioinformatics Option for B.S. in Biology – Bioinformatics is an interdisciplinary field that develops methods and software tools for understanding biological data. There is a growing job market for people with these skills.

College of Education

1. Bachelor of Science in Education – Educational Studies. This will be a non-certification program. This program is being developed for people who work in educational services, but do not need to be certified to teach. There are many career opportunities available to graduates of this program.
2. Master of Education – Career and Technical Education. This will be the first graduate program for the College of Education. There have been overwhelming requests to offer this program. Athens State currently offers a Bachelor of Science in Education in Technical Education with 5 different options available.

Provost Search

Dr. Ingle announced that there are currently 61 applicants for the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Ingle stressed the importance of finding the right candidate for the position even if we are unable to do so within the preferred time frame. He is encouraged that this will be possible based on the number of applicants for this position.

Distance Education

Dr. Scott Levine, Founder and CEO at Higher Education Research Consultants, held a workshop on our campus on Friday, October 9, for a group of faculty members. The topic of the presentation was “Online Instruction Quality Initiative”.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Mark Heinrich adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.