

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting
October 20, 2017**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee met on October 20, 2017 in the McCandless Hall Conference Room.

**PRESIDING: Mr. Macke Mauldin
SUBSTITUTING FOR MR. RONNIE CHRONISTER
CHAIR, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Mr. Macke Mauldin.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following committee members were present:

Mr. Macke Mauldin (for Mr. Ronnie Chronister)
Ms. Missy Ming Smith
Dr. Debbie Ferguson
Dr. Quanda Stevenson
Ms. Debra Vaughn
Ms. Mary Aquila
Dr. Trey Holladay
Ms. Pearlie Bridgeforth
Ms. Mary Nelle Clem
Dr. Joe Delap
Tina Hooks, Recorder

Mr. Ronnie Chronister and Ms. Molly Pepper were absent.

Guests attending: Dr. Jackie Smith, Ms. Belinda Krigel, Dr. Kim LaFevor, Dr. Pat Sims, Dr. Susan Owen, Dr. Katherine Quinnell, and Dr. Greg Holliday

OLD BUSINESS

ACAO Digital Fellows Program – Dr. Delap will be attending the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference October 31 through November 3 in Philadelphia. At this conference, he will present a campus proposal to create and sustain a university-wide initiative teaching students about 3D scanning, file sharing, and printing technology that expands on their learning and pathways to career success.

Quality Matters Requests for Proposals – At the end of September, Dr. Delap sent notification to all faculty that proposals were being accepted for the creation of online courses following Quality Matters standards. Dr. Delap reported that he has received several responses to take advantage of this opportunity.

Dean for the College of Arts & Sciences – Dr. Delap reported that Dr. Stephen Spencer has been hired as the Dean for the College of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Spencer will begin serving as Dean on January 2, 2018. Dr. Spencer

comes to us from the University of Southern Indiana where he currently serves as Chair of the English Department and Professor of English.

ACHE Approval for Programs – Dr. Delap reported that Athens State received ACHE approval to add the Health Care Administration Option to the B.S. in Health Science and to offer a Certificate in Human Resource Management. This new option and new certificate will be implemented in the Fall of 2018.

SACSCOC Approval – Athens State University received SACSCOC final approval of the Master of Education in Career and Technical Education in September.

Update on Graduate Programs – Dr. Delap shared current enrollment data for each of Athens State's three graduate programs with the committee. Dr. Delap also reported that the first 6 students will graduate at the end of this semester with the Master of Science in Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

NEW BUSINESS

ABET Accreditation Information

ABET has approved the Computer Science program at Athens State University. An earlier review of the program by ABET revealed a few weaknesses that have been addressed by Athens State. A review team from ABET will be on campus October 22 through 24 to conduct a program audit for 2017-2018.

Open Educational Resources Grant (OER) – Dr. Katherine Quinnell, Library Director, has been collaborating with Dr. Ron Leonard of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries to organize regional workshops on the topic of Open Educational Resources. Open Educational Resources provide students with accessible instructional materials while giving faculty the flexibility to customize their content. These OER workshops are planned across the state and ACHE awarded Athens State University a \$5,000 grant to serve as the host for all postsecondary institutions in the north Alabama region. These funds will cover a workshop to be held on our campus in early 2018.

AMSTEP Grant – Athens State University is participating in the Alabama Math and Science Teacher Education Program (AMSTEP) with the program being spearheaded by Dr. Leigh Hester, Assistant Professor of Secondary Science Education. This grant provides funding to provide more math and science teachers in Alabama.

Announcements

Dr. Mary Beth Johns, Assistant Professor of Visual Art Education, was named the 2017 Alabama Art Education Association Higher Education Art Educator of the Year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m. by Macke Mauldin, Chair.