

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting
May 17, 2019**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee met on May 17, 2019 in the McCandless Hall Conference Room.

**PRESIDING: Ms. Maxine Randolph
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee**

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Ms. Maxine Randolph.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following committee members were present:

Ms. Maxine Randolph
Ms. Cathy Dickens
Ms. Katia Mayfield
Ms. Mary Aquila
Mr. Chad Easterling
Dr. Jackie Smith (for Dr. Joe Delap)
Dr. Marla Williams (for Dr. Johnnie Lundin)
Ms. Tina Hooks, Recorder

Absent: Mr. Jimmy Baker, Ms. Christie Blaylock, Dr. Dee Dee Jones, Dr. Johnnie Lundin, Ms. Laura Kerner, Ms. Christen Stephens Lott, Dr. Joe Delap

Guests attending: Dr. Stephen Spencer, Ms. Stacie Hughes, Dr. Katherine Quinnell, Dr. Ronnie Merritt, Dr. Greg Holliday, Ms. Felicia Mucci, Ms. Kayla Kohanek-Tankersley and Mr. Jeffrey Guenther.

OLD BUSINESS

New Faculty/Faculty Vacancies

Dr. Jackie Smith reported that the following faculty members have been hired:

- Jessica Spowart, Assistant Professor of Art: Graphic Design
- Dr. Kristopher Erskine, Assistant Professor of Secondary History/Social Studies Education
- Lanie Williamson, Assistant Librarian/Assistant Director, Library Collection Services
- Verbal Offer accepted for Assistant Professor of Art: Studio Art
- Verbal Offer accepted for Instructor of Computer Science

Adult Degree Program Advisor

Dr. Smith reported that an Advisor has been hired for the Adult Degree Program (ADP). Kayla Kohanek-Tankersley will join Felicia Mucci in ADP and will provide additional support for the program. In addition to advising, Kayla will also do recruiting at colleges, businesses and industries. Since the program's inception, more than 160 students have graduated. The Adult Degree Program supports our Completion College Initiative.

NEW BUSINESS

New Programs/Program Name Change

The College of Arts and Sciences has developed a 12-semester hour Certificate in Health Care Administration. This certificate will prepare allied health practitioners with the administrative skill set needed for entry- to mid-level leadership and administration positions in a variety of health care settings.

Burning Glass Technologies

Athens State University has purchased a subscription to Burning Glass, a leading labor market analytics firm. The data provided by Burning Glass can help our faculty identify new program needs based on the labor market as well as assist them with adjusting the curriculum in current programs to meet the needs of the labor market. Personnel from Burning Glass will be coming to our campus to train those on campus who will use the technology.

Faculty Awards 2018/2019

The recipients of these awards were announced:

- Teaching Excellence Award – Dr. Kim Roberts, Associate Professor of Operations Management, College of Business
- Distinguished Scholarly/Creative Work Award – Dr. Amanda Brancombe, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education/Secondary English Education

Announcements

- 2019 Academic and Student Awards Convocation – May 3, 2019
 - 111 Students received recognition for academic achievement and service in honor societies, clubs, organizations and in the community.
- Spring 2019 Commencement Ceremonies – May 4, 2019
 - 279 undergraduate degrees awarded in 3 colleges
 - 51 graduate degrees awarded in 3 colleges. This is the largest number of Master's graduates in one term since the inception of the graduate programs.

There was discussion on growing enrollments in the graduate programs. Each of the Colleges have developed “accelerated enrollment” opportunities for undergraduate (UG) students to enroll in 6 to 12 semester hours of select graduate (GR) courses. A new policy for Accelerated Enrollment in Graduate Courses has been developed. The Accelerated Enrollment would allow the student to receive credit in both an undergraduate program and the graduate program. This serves as an incentive for UG students to enroll in our GR programs.

- The naming of the Kares Library was discussed. Robert and Gale Kares made an endowment of \$2.1 million endowment to Athens State University. Dr. Quinnell reported that the naming ceremony held on May 3, 2019 was well-attended. She added that this endowment will be used on some Library renovations and for the annual purchase of books for the Kares Library.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.