

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting
July 20, 2018**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee met on July 20, 2018 in the McCandless Hall Conference Room.

**PRESIDING: Mr. Ronnie Chronister
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee**

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Mr. Ronnie Chronister.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following committee members were present:

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

Guests attending: Dr. Jackie Smith, Dr. Stephen Spencer, Dr. Pat Sims, Dr. Katherine Quinnell, Ms. Belinda Krigel, Dr. Ronnie Merritt, Dr. Wayne McCain and Dr. Lisa Rich.

OLD BUSINESS

Access Athens Textbook Update

33 courses from all 3 Colleges used Access Athens Textbooks which served 976 students. The average price per textbook was \$74.89. The average savings per student was \$181.51.

NEW BUSINESS

Program Review Process

Dr. Delap told the committee that the institution will begin a program review process to ensure the excellence of the University's academic programs by looking at students' experiences, employers' needs, and graduate school requirements. This process will be faculty-driven with input from the college deans as well. The institution is looking at software to assist with data collection and evaluation.

Completions by Major

An information sheet showing baccalaureate completions by major from four-year institutions was distributed. The list of majors on the sheet is representative of Athens State University's academic inventory.

Faculty Commons Progress

Dr. Delap shared a floor plan of the new faculty commons area. This project is faculty led and will enhance the faculty's ability to impact learning in the classroom. He stated that we were working with the architects on the design.

Spring and Summer Fact Sheet

Dr. Delap shared with the committee "fact sheets" for undergraduate and graduate programs for the spring and summer. These fact sheets included total headcount, credit hour production, number of full-time and part-time students, the number of students taking all DL, partial DL and no DL courses as well as demographic data.

Introductions

Dr. Delap introduced Dr. Ronnie Merritt who joined the Office of Academic Affairs as Assistant Vice President in June. He also introduced Dr. Chet Breaux, Writing Center Director.

Announcements

A new minor in Music Recording will be implemented in the fall semester. The College of Arts & Sciences is currently identifying adjunct faculty to teach some of the courses in the minor. The minor will serve the needs of students from Calhoun and other community colleges and expand offerings at the Alabama Center for the Arts.

Dr. Wayne McCain, Professor of the Management of Technology in the College of Business, gave a brief talk about a Radio Astronomy for CubeSat for STEM Education: STEM-SAT1 project by the student branch of AIAA. The College of Business sponsors Athens State University's student branch of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.