

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting  
April 17, 2015**

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The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee held a meeting on April 17, 2015 in the Sandridge Student Center Conference Room.

**PRESIDING: MR. MACKE MAULDIN  
SUBSTITUTING FOR DR. MARK HEINRICH  
CHAIR, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 10:59 a.m. by Mr. Macke Mauldin.

**ROLL CALL**

On roll call, the following committee members were present:

Macke Mauldin (for Mark Heinrich)  
Dr. Jess Brown  
Ms. Stacie Hughes  
Ms. Vicki Johnson  
Dr. Vic Wilson  
Dr. Ron Ingle

Also present were Ms. Belinda Krigel, CIO/Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dr. Jackie Smith, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Pat Sims, Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Wayne McCain, Professor of Management of Technology and Tina Hicks, Recorder. Dr. Mark Heinrich, Ms. Cathy Dickens, Dr. Tedi Gordon, Clint Shelton, Mary Scott Hunter, Dr. Vic Wilson and Dr. Bob Glenn were absent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Macke Mauldin opened the meeting by encouraging input from the Faculty and Staff to the Board of Trustee Committees or to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Mauldin then asked Dr. Ron Ingle, Athens State University Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, to take over the meeting.

At the January 23 committee meeting, the faculty representatives from the College of Arts & Sciences (Dr. Jess Brown) and the College of Education (Dr. Tedi Gordon) shared information from their colleges and issues that are important to them and to their colleges. Dr. Ingle asked Ms. Stacie Hughes, faculty representative from the College of Business to share the same from her college. Ms. Hughes announced the following:

- The College of Business (COB) is active in community relations, relationships with community colleges and recruiting in their classrooms. COB faculty members serve on various advisory boards and attend events with the various clubs and organizations.

- At a recent Spring Career Fair, Ms. Hughes noticed that several Athens State COB graduates were representing their companies at this career fair. Ms. Hughes also reported that several COB graduates were now teaching classes as adjunct instructors.
- The College of Business currently has 18-20 interns in jobs that are related to their major.
- The COB distance learning classes/programs are using technology to ensure integrity in the classroom.
- Ms. Hughes shared that the College of Business values any input from others.

Mr. Mauldin commented that he has noticed that some Athens State University faculty members have earned national awards for their distance learning courses.

Athens State is currently conducting a search for a new Library Director to replace Dr. Robert Burkhardt who is retiring in June.

The College of Education is conducting a We Teach Conference on campus today with approximately 200 high school students attending.

The *Kappa Delta Pi* Initiation will be held this evening. *Kappa Delta Pi* is an International Honor Society in Education.

Dr. Ingle announced that the College of Business and the College of Education is undergoing reorganization. The reorganization will become effective Fall 2015.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Seven new Athens State University certificate programs will be presented at the 1:00 Board of Trustees meeting today; 3 from the College of Business and 4 from the College of Education. Representatives from each college presented their certificate programs and shared information about the programs. The certificate programs are listed below:

#### College of Business

- Aviation Management
- Management of Technology
- Project Management

The College of Business has also designed a tailored business minor that will allow flexibility in the coursework needed for a minor.

#### College of Education

- Educational Technology
- English Language Learner
- Instructional Design
- Instructional Technology

A new degree program for the Bachelor of Art in Drama and Theatre Arts will be presented at the 1:00 Board of Trustees meeting. This program was previously presented as an Option in Drama and Theatre Arts for the Bachelor of Art in English program.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Ingle announced that Athens State University has appointed a Graduate Implementation Team to provide broad-based input and guidance related to policies and procedures as the institution implements coursework at the graduate level. The team is made up of several faculty and staff members.

The Application to Seek Accreditation at a Higher Degree Level has been submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. SACSCOC will conduct a site visit in the Spring of 2016.

Mr. Mauldin reported on the recent audit of Athens State University finances. There was an external audit and an audit by two Athens State University Accounting faculty members. There were no material findings in either audit. The review by the Athens State faculty members showed that Athens State's finances are 60% better than institutions in their peer group.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Macke Mauldin adjourned the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee at 11:54 a.m.