

Academic Council Minutes

Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall

May 19, 2010

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Mr. Vinson Houston, Acting Vice President for Information Technology
Dr. Joe Delap, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Frank King, Associate Vice President for Distance Education
Dr. Tim King, AVPEMSA
Dean Bill Carr, College of Graduate Studies & Continuing Educ.
Dean Bill Fielding, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Dean John-Bauer Graham, Library Services
Dean John Hammett, College of Education and Professional Studies
Dean Sarah Latham, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Dean Earl Wade, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Louise Clark, Assoc. Dean, College of Commerce & Business Administration
Mr. Don Killingsworth, Director of Government Relations
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Institutional Support Services
Mr. Greg Bonds, Associate Athletic Director, Internal Affairs
Dr. Paul Beezley, Faculty Senate President
Mr. Tim Long, SGA President

Absent:

Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar
Ms. Patty Hobbs, Director, Public Relations
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment

Guest:

Ms. Suzanne LaRocca, University Auditor

Old Business:

1. Minutes of the April 7, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Dr. Turner made corrections to the May Enrollment Census report. Numbers look good overall (see handout). She called attention to the breakout numbers in individual categories of students. Tuition dollars brought in have increased.

3. Dr. Turner reported on Fall application counts to date, noting that transfer student numbers are up. Freshman numbers should improve with time.

New Business

1. Dr. Beezley provided a Faculty Senate update. There is concern among faculty that the text alert system was not triggered by the recent robbery in Bibb Graves Hall. Drs. Turner and King explained that UPD employed a strategy that did not involve using the alert system. A suspect is in custody. Dr. Beezley requested that an announcement be made about the situation. Dr. Hammett pointed out the need to know about armed persons being pursued by police on campus and the need for further review of this incident.
2. Mr. Long provided an SGA update. Orientation preparations are under way as well as preparations for welcome week. He expressed thanks to those who paid their respects to the late CPT Comfort.
3. Guest Suzanne LaRocca reported on a recent State Examiners' Audit, which concentrated on university travel. Mileage calculations, dates of travel and receipts need to be accurate and well documented, especially with regards to "vicinity" travel. The designation of a "base" of work is important. Dr. Latham recommended that the travel authorization forms be made automated to assist with calculations. Dr. Turner pointed out that all international travel needs Dr. Meehan's personal signature. Handouts were provided.
4. Mr. Whitmore reported that the Transportation System will soon have covered stops. Electronic destination signs are also planned. The Bookstore is working to meet PCI compliance and textbook rentals are planned for select titles (those with high volume demand). Rented books will cost 40% of the cost of buying them. A credit card is required to secure the rental. Food Services renovations will be ongoing this summer. Additional vendors are coming to the TMB Food Court. A new cafeteria is planned to open in the Gamecock Center in Fall 2010. Dr. Carr asked about the cost renting space for events in the new stadium complex. Mr. Bonds reported that there could be set-up and clean-up charges for those rentals.

Announcements

Dr. Turner announced that Dr. Louise Clark will serve as chair of JSU's next SACS self study process.

Mr. Houston announced that his division is working on solutions to cash-to-card issues, including a more automated process for print-on-demand. More information will follow. An apple representative will meet with this group about iPad utilization in academic settings.

Mr. Bonds announced the upcoming Softball Regional Tournament on Friday and sendoff for our team Thursday morning.

Dr. Hammett announced the hiring of Gena Riley and Tommy Turner as department heads. Also, Dr. Friery's retirement celebration is Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Tim King announced that Orientation dates are posted on our web site. Also, Mr. Garner is heading a search for the new Director of Enrollment Management.

Mr. Killingsworth announced a \$500,000 grant in Technology for coating processes.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Delap, AVPAA