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**Academic Council Minutes**

**Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall**

**August 4, 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 Education  
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  
Ms. Patty Hobbs, Director, Public Relations  
Mr. Don Killingsworth, Director of Government Relations  
Mr. Joe Whitmore, Director, Institutional Support Services  
Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar  
Mr. Greg Bonds, Associate Athletic Director, Internal Affairs  
Dr. Paul Beezley, Faculty Senate President

Absent:

Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment  
Mr. Tim Long, SGA President

Old Business:

1. Minutes of the July 7, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Dr. Turner reported on fall application counts to date. Dr. Tim King reported that the orientation count was up 137 students over last year.

New Business

1. Dr. Tim King reported that there was no news to report from SGA.

2. Dr. Beezley reported that there had been an inquiry into fall registration day being the same day as roles are purged. However, Ms. Osterbind stated that the purge will not happen until after registration ends that day.
3. Dr. Delap presented an appeal from a student to be reinstated to classes early. Dr. Latham moved to deny the appeal. Dr. Wade seconded. The appeal was denied unanimously.
4. Ms. Osterbind presented proposed dates and deadlines for academic terms 2011-2015. A handout was provided for review and future approval. It was noted that 12-week sessions actually offer more than the listed 40 hours of classroom time. Delivery and instruction methods make the hours variable. Dr. Beezley noted that grading time is needed during summer terms. Dr. Turner pointed out that six-week terms are the least utilized. There was also discussion of beginning the semester after Labor Day and allowing time for college meetings at the beginning of the school year.
5. Dr. Turner reported on the Red Balloon Project from AASCU's George Mehaffy, encouraging everyone to read and consider the white paper provided (handout) and the opportunities discussed therein.
6. Dr. Turner called attention to the graduation participation list (handout), with 85 faculty participating and 200 students walking.
7. Dr. Turner reported that parking decal sales begin today. She also provided a reminder to complete the mandatory harassment prevention training.

### Announcements

Dr. Tim King announced that Freshman Convocation will be August 24, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the stadium. He encouraged all faculty to attend.

Dr. Latham announced that the online STEP program is the largest ever, with over 100 students enrolled.

Ms. Hobbs announced that a Faculty/ Staff newsletter will be appearing with pertinent information. The *Gem of the Hills* publication will be available in electronic format only this fall. She encouraged participation in the Faculty Expert web site that is online.

Mr. Houston expressed thanks for the help received during his unit's program review and requested patience during the telephone service outage.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Delap, AVPAA