

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting
January 18, 2019**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee met on January 18, 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 1:16 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. Laura Kerner
Dr. Johnnie Lundin
Ms. Mary Aquila
Ms. Christen Stephens
Mr. Chad Easterling
Dr. Joe Delap
Ms. Tina Hooks, Recorder

Absent: Mr. Jimmy Baker, Ms. Christie Blaylock, Dr. Dee Dee Jones

Guests attending: Dr. Jackie Smith, Dr. Stephen Spencer, Dr. Kim LaFevor, Ms. Belinda Krigel, Dr. Katherine Quinnell, Dr. Ronnie Merritt, Mr. Jeffrey Guenther, Dr. Adam Lewis, and Mr. Darren Waldrep.

OLD BUSINESS

Access Athens Textbook Update

As of spring 2019, approximately 65 courses from all 3 Colleges are using Access Athens Textbooks. Over 2,000 students are enrolled in sections of classes using Access Athens Textbooks.

NEW BUSINESS

Completion College Initiative

Dr. Delap gave an update on the Completion College Initiative. Dr. Delap stated that we continually hear from students that we are the most transfer-friendly institution in the area and beyond. Providing a personal, flexible approach to earning college degrees in high-quality, sought-after programs is what we do best. He shared specific updates to this initiative:

- Dr. Delap and Dr. Stephen Spencer, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, are meeting with counterparts at Calhoun Community College to build better pathways for Calhoun students to earn a bachelor's degree at Athens State.

- Athens State is bringing Quality Matters courses online at a rate of approximately 10 courses per semester. Dr. Delap is working with Dr. Ingle, President, and Mr. Mike McCoy, Vice President for Financial Affairs, to find funding to add an additional instructional designer to Academic Technology Services.
- We are working to provide additional help for the Adult Degree Program, which has, since its inception, awarded almost 2,000 credit hours of non-traditional credit to approximately 167 students. An additional counselor is needed to assist in helping more working adults get to degree completion.
- Currently, a university-wide program review is underway to answer “Where are we now? Where are we going? and Where do we need to be?” In addition to answering these questions, faculty members are reviewing program requirements for relevancy, currency, and competitiveness. Our intent is to provide students with the smoothest path toward graduation while providing the highest program quality.

New Programs/Program Name Change

The following new certificates have been developed to meet the needs of the workforce in our area. Faculty members sought input from area employers to prepare these programs. In addition to the new certificates, a name change for one of our programs of instruction is being changed to more accurately represent the academic preparation.

- College of Arts & Sciences – New Certificate
 - Information Security
- College of Business – New Certificate
 - Cybersecurity Operations
- College of Business – Change in Program Name
 - The B.S. in Information Assurance will be changed to the B.S. in Management of Cybersecurity Operations

Faculty Vacancies

Athens State is currently advertising for the following faculty positions that have been necessitated by growth in the programs/areas:

- Assistant Librarian/Assistant Director, Library Collection Services
- Assistant Professor of Art: Graphic Design
- Assistant Professor of Art: Studio Art
- Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.