

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting
May 18, 2018**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee met on May 18, 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 1:15 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
Ms. Debra Vaughn
Ms. Molly Pepper
Ms. Mary Aquila
Dr. Joe Delap
Ms. Tina Hooks, Recorder

Dr. Quanda Stevenson, Dr. Trey Holladay, Ms. Pearl Bridgeforth and Ms. Mary Nelle Clem were absent.

Guests attending: Dr. Jackie Smith, Dr. Stephen Spencer, Dr. Katherine Quinnell, Dr. Pat Sims, Dr. Kim LaFevor, Ms. Belinda Krigel, Ms. Jamie Gilbert, Dr. Wayne McCain, Ms. Laura Kerner, Dr. Adam Lewis, Ms. Katia Mayfield, and Dr. Sunyung Song.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Addition to the Office of Academic Affairs

Dr. Delap announced that Dr. Ronnie Merritt, Associate Professor of Mathematics, will be joining the office on June 1. Dr. Delap explained that the Assistant VPAA was a developmental position available to interested faculty members for a term of 1 to 2 years. He gave a brief description of the duties of the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

New Programs/Concentrations/Minors Certificates

Computer Science faculty members have submitted a proposal to the Board of Trustees to restructure the B.S. in Computer Science to add a concentration in Computer Science. The B.S. in Computer Science currently has a concentration in Information Security. This restructuring will clearly distinguish the difference between the two concentrations and will comply with ABET accreditation policies to “represent the accreditation of each program accurately and without ambiguity”.

New Concentrations (continued)

Computer Science faculty members have submitted a proposal to the Board of Trustees to restructure the B.S. in Information Technology to add concentrations in Information Technology and Health Information Technology. The B.S. in Information Technology currently has a concentration in Computer Networking. The department plans to seek ABET accreditation for this program in 2019/2020. This restructuring will clearly distinguish the difference in the programs and will comply with ABET accreditation policies to “represent the accreditation of each program accurately and without ambiguity”.

Proposed – New Department in the College of Arts & Sciences

Currently the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HUSS) houses 10 programs of study (including the graduate program in Religious Studies) with 12 full-time faculty members assigned to the department. The college is proposing the creation of a Department of Fine and Performing Arts. Four of the programs of study from HUSS will transfer to the new department as well as 4 full-time faculty members. This department will provide academic administration on site at the Alabama Center for the Arts in Decatur. The addition of this department will result in a total of 5 departments in the college of relatively equal size.

All-Access Textbook Pilot

Four courses in the College of Business will be piloting a program that will significantly reduce textbook costs for students while providing instant digital access on the first day of class. The pilot program involves a collaborative relationship between textbook publishers, faculty, the University Business Office and the Campus Bookstore. The University is working with the other two colleges to add more courses to this program.

Faculty Awards for 2017/2018

Dr. Delap announced the winners of the faculty awards for 2017/2018:

- Teaching Excellence Award – Dr. Tedi Gordon, Associate Professor of Education, Elementary Generalist
- Distinguished Scholarly/Creative Work Award – Dr. Ron Fritze, Professor of History

Faculty Promotions for 2018/2019

Dr. Delap announced the faculty members who were awarded promotion in rank for the 2018/2019 academic year. The list is included in the meeting handout.

Graduate Programs

Dr. Delap gave updates about the graduate programs:

- The College of Arts & Sciences awarded the Master of Arts in Religious Studies to the first student on May 5, 2018.
- The College of Business awarded the Master of Science in Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management to 13 students on May 5, 2018.
- The College of Education expects to award the first Master of Education in Career and Technical Education at the Summer Commencement Ceremony.

IPEDS 2017/2018 Report

The IPEDS 2017/2018 Report was distributed to the committee. This report includes data on headcount, degrees awarded, students receiving aid, distribution of core revenues and other data.

Aviation Management

Dr. Wayne McCain, Professor of the Management of Technology, gave a presentation to the committee on Aviation Management. Athens State University currently offers a minor and a certificate in Aviation Management. Students from the two-year colleges in various aviation disciplines are finding that a baccalaureate degree is needed for certain jobs in aviation. Pilots, in particular, will need a baccalaureate degree. Dr. Bob Glenn, President, had asked the College of Business to investigate partnering with two-year colleges with aviation programs to offer a 2 + 2 program leading to a 4-year degree. Dr. McCain's stated that Athens State currently offers 10 Aviation Management courses. Approximately \$200,000.00 would be needed to implement this program. In the coming year, Dr. McCain plans to prepare a proposal for a B.S. in Aviation Management to be sent through the curriculum approval process. Committee members recommended that needed funding and support from the two-year colleges should be secured before putting the proposal for a new program of study through the process.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.