



## Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

May 19, 2023

Present: Jim America, Mike Underwood, Timothy Thornton, Pamela Keller, Laken Smith, Lee Vartanian, Donna Estill, Molly Myhan (Recorder)

Absent: Jimmy Baker, Cynthia Lovelace, Felicia Mucci, Rita Wallace, Ira Lacy

- I. Meeting called to order by Mr. America: 1:15 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review of Last Meeting's Minutes
  - Motion to approve: Timothy Thornton
  - Second: Mike Underwood
  - All approved
- IV. New Business
  - Achieve Transfer Student Success Conference
    - Hosted on ASU Campus
    - Representation from across the state: community colleges and 4- year institution; example of collaboration
    - Goal: promote a seamless transfer of students
  - Bonner Leader Program
    - Launched 2 years ago
    - 7 students currently in program
    - Creates opportunities for service and support for diverse low-income students
    - 1<sup>st</sup> site visit 5/1/23
      - Director interviewed students and faculty; evaluated program
      - Positive report received



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- V. SCALE Conference – ASU hosting/presenting June 8, 2023
- Part of a \$7-8K grant
  - Support Continuous Adult Learner Engagement – collaboration with partners across the state.
- VI. New Programs Scheduled for Fall 2023 Implementation  
Undergraduate Certificate – Space Systems Management
- Offers a pathway towards obtaining the overall BS-Aviation Systems Management Degree (30 students currently)
  - The Mission Control Center is located on campus, with world-wide receiving stations
  - Wayne McCain presented a video on STEM I, which has been in orbit for 24 months
- VII. Program Spotlight – College of Arts & Sciences  
Dr. Ragsdale presented the Committee with an update on Enrollment and credit hour production, as well as COAS initiatives:
- Cybersecurity Lab ready to launch Fall 2023
  - Nursing – First BSN class to graduation, Spring 2023
  - Crime Scene Lab ready to launch Fall 2023 – working with Athens Police Dept
  - Athens Teach Program – Master Teacher hire June 1<sup>st</sup>
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. Adjournment
- The motion to adjourn was made by Jim America.  
Second: Mike Underwood  
Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.