



## Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

July 21, 2023

McCandless Hall Conference Room 300

Present: Jim America, Mike Underwood, Timothy Thornton, Cynthia Lovelace, Pamela Keller, Felicia Mucci, Lee Vartanian, Molly Myhan (Recorder)

Absent: Jimmy Baker, Laken Smith, Donna Estill, Rita Wallace, Ira Lacy

Guests: Dave Ragsdale, Katie Holm, Katia Maxwell

- I. Meeting called to order by Mr. America: 1:14 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review of Last Meeting's Minutes
  - Motion to approve: Mike Underwood
  - Second: Timothy Underwood
  - All approved with no changes
- IV. New Business
  - Welcome Dr. Troy Adair, Dean, College of Business
  - Newly – Approved Master's Degrees
    - MFA in Integrative Design - A Terminal Degree to be implemented in Spring 2024, with 16 students on waiting list
    - M.ED. in Training and Development - Implementation to start in Fall 2023, term B with 9 students already enrolled
  - Inaugural Summer Writing Summit (Dr. Roper, Writing Center Director)
    - 2 - day event for students, faculty, staff and community
    - 67 attendees over 2-days; showcased work at end of Summit
    - Opportunity for Writing Center to showcase services

- Signed MOUs
  - Athens State University and *Calhoun Community College*: **BSN** Braided program in which students can train in the most efficient way, earning an Associate and Bachelor's degree at the same time
  - Athens State University and *Wallace State Community College*  
\***Athens State Teach** – Start date, Fall 2023
  - Athens State University and *Northwest Shoals Community College*  
\***Athens State Teach** – Start date, pending
- \*Athens State Teach:
  - joint program with the College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Education
  - Increases the enrollment and retention of STEM teachers who, didn't know they wanted to teach
- Program Spotlight: Adult Learner Services Office (ALSO), Felicia Mucci, Director
  - Formerly Adulthood Degree Program (ADP), established as a University Department in 2012
  - Better recognized as a service to students as the Adult Learner Services Office
  - Since its inception, ADP>>ALSO has successfully serviced 965 students.

V. New Programs Scheduled for Fall 2023

**Undergraduate Certificate, Space Systems Management** - Previously approved by the Board and ACHE, this Certificate is due to be implemented in Fall 2023.

VI. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Cynthia Lovelace; second motion by Pamela Keller. All approved adjournment at 2:00 p.m.