

Board of Trustee: Enrollment and Student Affairs Committee

July 21, 2023

Student Center

Minutes

- I. Call to order: 1:14 p.m. by Chairperson, Missy Ming Smith; Zoom recording started.
- II. Roll Call, Present: Dus Rogers, Lauren Blacklidge, Dr. Elizabeth Pruett (zoom), Dr. Randy Parker, Dr. Elizabeth Bowden, Emerald Simmons, Richard Collie, Dr. Elmer Ragus, Morgan Meadows, Penny Roberts, Valerie Sellers, Ashley Miller, Tracy Raby, DJ Doorenbau, Jennifer Mares, Derrek Smith, Mitchell Bazzell, Amy Garrison, Brittani Stone, Tina Jihn.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Rogers approved.
- IV. Approved Minutes (May 2023): Rogers and Blacklidge approved.
- V. New Business:
 - i. Intro. Of Jennifer Mares, Success Coach
 - ii. Congratulations to Dr. Patrice Broaden, Ph.D for graduating with doctorate.
 - iii. Diversity Day Celebration: Almost 80 participants, diverse community celebration-Salsa dancing, presentations by various community members including Men of Kennis, etc.
 - iv. Intro. Of Career Development Center staff: Dr. Michael Radden, Dr. Elizabeth Bowden (experiential learning, work study program, co-op and interns), and Emerald Simmons (career development advisor and adjunct instructor-main focus is supporting students and the UNV 400 course development).
 - v. Fall Enrollment Update: Degree works was down and greatly impacted our numbers of enrollment; 2 documents in packet - skip the 7/17 file and look at the 7/20 document. We aren't where we want to be but we gained momentum and will keep up the steam and hopefully surpass last year's enrollment.

Q: Who enrolls in the last 3 weeks? A: they are grads of community colleges and waiting to send their transcripts and also our students wait until they get their grades. We also think some are adults wait because they fully self-fund their courses and wait to enroll and pay.

Comment: We made a lot of calls the last week, 235 calls, reaching out to target groups to enroll. Success coaches have been working late/overtime in order to get registrations completed.

Comment: Chairperson Smith wants to see data from application to see “how they find out about Athens State?”

- vi. Summer Graduation Application Report: 165 applicants as of 7/17 and 4 more since then manually entered. (96 College of Business, 43 College of Arts and Sciences, and 30 College of Education). Approximately 130 plan to walk at commencement.

Comparing with Summer 2022 we awarded 176 including degrees.

First Honors Program graduate, Evan Marsh, this summer with a major in science and math. Honors Program will be listed on their transcript.
 - vii. Community College Partnerships and Efforts: Randy reports meeting with instructional officers, deans, and deans of students: talked about collaboration and financial aid, reverse transfer, Men of Kennis program, promoting 2+2 articulation and MOUs, braided programs where students can be enrolled at 2 colleges. Also met with AL Association of Public Continuing and Adult Ed.
 - viii. Financial Aid: Scholarships awarded today, almost 5000 financial aid waivers thru October.
 - ix. Two scholarship highlights: Impact Diversity Scholarship and the Endeavor Scholarship that is successful.
- VI. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Smith and Rodgers.