

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting
January 19, 2018**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee met on January 19, 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 1:17 p.m. by Mr. Ronnie Chronister.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following committee members were present:

Mr. Ronnie Chronister
Ms. Missy Ming Smith
Dr. Debbie Ferguson
Dr. Quanda Stevenson
Ms. Debra Vaughn
Ms. Molly Pepper
Ms. Mary Nelle Clem
Dr. Joe Delap
Ms. Tina Hooks, Recorder

Mr. Macke Mauldin, Dr. Trey Holladay, and Ms. Pearl Bridgeforth were absent.

Guests attending: Dr. Jackie Smith, Dr. Stephen Spencer, Dr. Mark Gale, Dr. Katherine Quinnell, Dr. Kim LaFavor, Dr. Pat Sims, Dr. Greg Holliday, Ms. Belinda Krigel, Mr. Christopher Nelson, Ms. Dakota Cotton, and Dr. Timothy Thornton

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Delap introduced new faculty members.

- Dr. Timothy Thornton, Assistant Professor of Career and Technical Education
- Mr. Christopher Nelson, Instructor of Accounting
- Ms. Dakota Cotton, University Archivist/Assistant Librarian

Dr. Delap shared the current faculty vacancies with the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction

Dr. Delap introduced Dr. Stephen Spencer who began serving as the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences on January 2, 2018. Dr. Spencer talked about his previous experiences, meeting with faculty and his ideas/vision for the College of Arts & Sciences.

Quality Matters Update

Dr. Mark Gale, Director of Academic Technology Services & Instructional Designer, explained that the mission of Quality Matters was to promote and improve the quality of online education and student learning nationally. He shared information with the committee on the current Quality Matters Initiative at Athens State University. The institution has provided funding to support the faculty in this initiative. Currently, 11 courses have been certified by Quality Matters (4 in the College of Arts & Sciences and 7 in the College of Business). Two additional courses are pending certification. Dr. Gale stated that the goal of the QM Initiative is to have 10+ courses certified each academic year.

Open Educational Resources (OER) Workshop

Dr. Katherine Quinnell, Library Director, announced that the first of three OER workshops is scheduled at Athens State University on February 2, 2018. These workshops are sponsored by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. She shared that registration was in progress and that 83 persons had registered as of this morning. Open Educational Resources are any type of educational materials that are in the public domain or introduced with an open license.

edTPA Requirement and Fee

The Alabama State Department of Education requires the successful completion of an edTPA portfolio in order to be certified to teach. The national fee charged to have the edTPA portfolio assessed is \$300.00. The College of Education will be requesting from the Board of Trustees the addition of this \$300.00 edTPA fee charged during a student's internship. By adding this fee to the internship, some students will be eligible to have this paid by financial aid rather than paying it out of their own pockets. In addition to this, the College of Education is working with the Office of University Advancement to develop scholarships to assist with this fee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. by Ronnie Chronister, Chair.