

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

The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee met on October 19, 2018 in the McCandless Hall Conference Room.

**PRESIDING: Ms. Maxine Randolph
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee**

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m. by Ms. Maxine Randolph.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following committee members were present:

Ms. Maxine Randolph
Ms. Katia Mayfield
Ms. Laura Kerner
Ms. Tina Sloan (for Johnnie Lundin)
Ms. Mary Aquila
Dr. Dee Dee Jones
Dr. Joe Delap
Ms. Tina Hooks, Recorder

Absent: Ms. Cathy Dickens, Mr. Jimmy Baker, Dr. Johnnie Lundin, Ms. Christen Stephens, Ms. Christie Blaylock, Mr. Chad Easterling

Guests attending: Dr. Jackie Smith, Dr. Stephen Spencer, Dr. Pat Sims, Ms. Belinda Krigel, Ms. Jacki Vadney, Mr. Gary Valcana, Dr. Wendy Cowan, Dr. Rosemary Hodges, Mr. Jeffrey Guenther, Ms. Crystal Rust, and Dr. Greg Holliday.

OLD BUSINESS

Access Athens Textbook Update

Approximately 62 courses from all 3 Colleges will be using Access Athens Textbooks during the spring 2019 semester. The average price per textbook is \$63.00 for the spring semester. Students have provided very positive feedback on this program.

NEW BUSINESS

New Program

The College of Education is adding Class B Certification in Health (6-12) and Physical Education (P-12) to the B.S. Ed. in Physical Education. This dual certification will enable students to teach health classes as well as physical education classes.

Update on Alabama Center for the Arts

Dr. Stephen Spencer, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, gave the committee an update on the Alabama Center for the Arts (ACA). He and Dr. Donna Estill, Dean for Humanities and Social Sciences at Calhoun Community College, held a strategic planning workshop at the ACA. The meeting was very positive and collaborative. A Mission and Vision for the ACA was developed. Dr. Spencer distributed an information sheet for the ACA that included this mission and vision as well as academic programs offered and in development, fine arts scholarships, and information for a Fine Arts Pathway Program.

Departmental Restructuring – College of Arts and Sciences

The COAS will eliminate the Department of Government and Public Administration effective Fall 2019. The faculty members and academic programs currently in this department will be reassigned to other departments.

EPP Report Card

Dr. Rosemary Hodges, Professor of Elementary Education, explained the Educator Preparation Program Report Card for Athens State University to the committee. This EPP report card “grades” Educator Preparation Programs in the state on two components: new teacher preparation and performance on assessments required for certification. 98% of the new teachers questioned “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that Athens State University’s College of Education prepared them effectively for the classroom. Employer responses indicated that up to 86% of new teachers were emerging and effective, with 3% being rated at teacher leaders.

Introductions

Dr. Delap introduced the following new faculty and academic staff members attending the meeting:

- Dr. Jacki Vadney, Assistant Professor of Drama and Theatre Arts: Scenic Lighting and Design
- Ms. Crystal Rust, Visiting Instructor of Mathematics
- Mr. Jeffrey Guenther, Director of Institutional Research and Assessment Services

Dr. Shannon Pittman, Assistant Professor of Biology, was conducting research in the lab and was unable to attend.

Announcements

Announcements listed on the agenda were made.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.