

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting
July 21, 2017**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee met on July 21, 2017 in the Sandridge Student Center Conference Room.

**PRESIDING: MS. CRYSTAL BROWN
CHAIR, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:16 p.m. by Ms. Crystal Brown.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following committee members were present:

Ms. Crystal Brown
Mr. Clint Shelton
Dr. James Gadberry
Dr. Mark Gale
Dr. Jeanne Payne
Dr. Joe Delap
Tina Hooks, Recorder

Dr. Lisa Rich, Dr. Vic Wilson, and Mr. Ronnie Smith were absent.

Guests attending: Debra Vaughn, Dr. Johnnie Lundin, Dr. Greg Holliday, Dr. Joy Bracewell, Dr. Katherine Quinell, Dr. Jackie Smith and Belinda Krigel

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Service – Dr. Delap thanked the committee members for their service in the 2016/2017 year. New committee members will begin with the October 2017 meeting.

ACAO Digital Fellows Program – Dr. Delap was selected to participate in the Association of Chief Academic Officers (ACAO) Digital Fellows Program supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The program will provide chief academic officers the critical information, resources, and support needed to help faculty understand and adopt high quality digital courseware that personalizes learning and leads to significant gains in undergraduate engagement, retention, and graduation. Dr. Delap attended the first meeting of the ACAO Digital Fellows in Phoenix earlier in July.

New Programs Implemented - Dr. Delap reported on new programs implemented Fall 2016/2017 and those to be implemented Fall 2017/2018. He gave the fall enrollment in each program as of July 17. Fall registration will continue through August 28.

Implemented Fall 2016/2017

7/17/17 Enrollment

B.S.Ed. in Education Studies	0
M.A. in Religious Studies	12
B.A. in Drama and Theatre Arts	4

To Be Implemented Fall 2017/2018

7/17/17 Enrollment

B.S. in Information Technology (formerly offered as Computer Science/Comp Info Syst Option)	7
B.S. in Information Technology: Computer Networking Option (formerly offered as Computer Science/Comp Network Option)	3
M.A.Ed. in Career and Technical Education	56

ABET Accreditation Information

Dr. Delap recently attended the ABET Institutional Representative Meeting in Baltimore, MD. He met with the chair of the ABET visiting team for Athens State University. ABET will make a campus visit in October.

Dr. Katherine Quinnell – Library Director/Senior Librarian

Dr. Delap introduced Dr. Katherine Quinnell who has been serving as Library Director/Senior Librarian at Athens State University since November 2016. Dr. Quinnell shared information about the services offered by the Athens State Library. In addition to E-books, databases, library guides, chat services for students with librarians, faculty librarians are offering a 1 semester hour research course for each college.

Writing Center Report

Dr. Joy Bracewell, Writing Center Director, gave a “year in review” about the Writing Center. Writing Center consultants (tutors) conducted a total of 499 individual consultations, serving 215 clients during 2016-2017. Dr. Bracewell explained that the Writing Center helps students with all levels of writing and communication skills. Some of the highlights of this year for the center include:

- opening of a multimodal collaboration room
- continuing a workshop series in partnership with the library on researching and writing techniques and tips
- providing support for multimodal projects in collaboration with librarian Jennifer Williams and English professor Dr. Kevin Dupre
- partnering with the Career Development Center to offer students sessions for revising resumes and cover letters as well as interview prep
- offering a Faculty Writing Retreat in conjunction with the Library and with the support of the Provost’s Office

Dean Search – College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Delap reported that two candidates for the position of Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences will be on-campus July 24 and 26 for interviews, a presentation and “meet and greet” with the campus community.

Faculty Searches

There are currently 3 faculty positions available at Athens State University.

1. Assistant Professor of Biology
2. Assistant Professor of Computer Science
3. Electronic Access Librarian

New Faculty for 2017/2018

College of Business

Dr. Cynthia Lovelace, Assistant Professor of Logistics

Lionel Wright, Instructor of Management with emphasis in Statistics

College of Education

Dr. William Davis, Assistant Professor of Health & Physical Education

Finée Downing, Instructor of Education

Dr. Katherine Kandalec, Assistant Professor of Career and Technical Education

Dr. Marla Williams, Assistant Professor of Elementary Education

Announcements

Dr. John Berzett, Assistant Professor of Accounting, earned a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama in May. Dr. Diann Hammon, Assistant Professor of Accounting, earned a Doctor of Business Administration from the University of South Alabama in May.

Dr. Delap shared the following information on Athens State University faculty members with terminal degrees:

- Instructional faculty with terminal degrees – Summer 2017 – 84.62%
- All Faculty (includes deans, librarians) with terminal degrees – Summer 2017 – 81.61%

Dr. Jackie Smith shared data on faculty with terminal degrees from peer institutions. Athens State ranks highly compared with the peer institutions.

The Summer Commencement Ceremony will be Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in front of Founders Hall. 110 students have currently applied to graduate at the end of summer. The class of 1967 will be recognized during the ceremony.

Dr. Delap announced that a new program proposal for a B.S. in Health Care Management will be presented to the Board of Trustees today for approval. The Board previously approved the “Notification of Intent to Submit a Proposal” for this program in April.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m. by Crystal Brown, Chair.