

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting  
January 15, 2016**

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The Athens State University Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee held a meeting on January 15, 2016 in the Sandridge Student Center Conference Room.

**PRESIDING: DR. MARK HEINRICH  
CHAIR, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Dr. Mark Heinrich.

**ROLL CALL**

On roll call, the following committee members were present:

Dr. Mark Heinrich  
Dr. Ron Ingle  
Mr. Clint Shelton  
Ms. Crystal Brown  
Dr. Tedi Gordon  
Ms. Stacie Hughes  
Ms. Vicki Johnson  
Dr. Vic Wilson  
Judge David Breland

Dr. Jess Brown and Mr. Joe Collazo were absent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Ingle gave a report on the status of the search for Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs. Four finalists for the position will be invited to campus at the end of January and early February for a final interview with several groups on campus. Dr. Ingle called each of the finalists in December to confirm their continued interest in the position, share information on issues at the University and to talk with them about their experience and qualifications. Dr. Ingle stated that the letter of application and CV for each of the candidates will be shared with the Board of Trustees as well as the dates each will be on campus. Provost salaries at other similar institutions were reviewed to determine a competitive salary to offer the successful candidate.

Dr. Jackie Smith, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and SACSCOC Liaison, reported that Athens State University submitted a report to SACSCOC for the request for a level change. She stated that the report makes a strong case that Athens State University is ready and able to offer graduate programs, both academically and financially. The SACSCOC Visiting Team will be on campus March 1 – 3, 2016 to review our request for the level change. The team will talk with faculty, staff and students.

An ACBSP team will visit the Athens State University campus for a reaccreditation of the College of Business programs and to review our petition and application for separate and new accreditation for the Accounting program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Testing Center

Brandy McMahan, University Testing Center Coordinator, gave a presentation/report on the University Testing Center (UTC) including professional associations, testing services, revenues and expenditures. The committee members were given an Annual Report for 2014-2015. Some highlights of this report are listed below:

- AATP Membership – The University Testing Center joined the Alabama Association of Testing Professionals during the Spring of 2015.
- NCTA Certification – The University Testing Center completed and submitted the application to become an NCTA National Certified Testing Center.
- Services Offered – 9 assessment tests and proctored exams for other universities. The UTC continually adds exams as opportunities and needs become available..
- Services rendered, revenues, and expenditures – UTC administered 1197 total exams during 2014-2015, received over \$32,400 in testing fees with operational expenses totaling \$11,400.
- University Testing Center completed upgrades in technology and professional development/training
- Opportunities for 2015-2016 – Comira Testing Facility, GRE, additional PRAXIS workstations

### Adult Degree Program

Felicia Mucci, Director of Adult Degree Program, presented a “State of the Program” report for the Adult Degree Program (ADP). Committee members were given a copy of this “State of the Program”. Some highlights from the report are listed below:

- The ADP began accepting applications in August 2012 and has admitted 349 students. 125 students are currently enrolled for the Spring 2016 semester.
- 62 students have graduated from the ADP: 32 in Liberal Studies, 26 in Management of Technology, and 4 in Technical Education.
- Prior Learning Assessments (PLA) – Students receive credit from prior learning through exams, military evaluations, Defense Acquisition University courses and professional portfolios.
  - 60 students have submitted PLA requests generating a total of \$43,770 in revenue

### Announcements

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Education Awareness (YEA) will be Saturday, April 9, 2016
- We TEACH Conference – 2<sup>nd</sup> annual We TEACH Conference hosted by Athens State University’s College of Education was held December 2 with almost 200 high school students attending.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Mark Heinrich adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.