- APPROVED -Minutes University Council Gold Room – Bibb Graves Hall May 2, 2012

Present:

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Dean John Hammett, College of Education and Professional Studies Dean John-Bauer Graham, Library Services Dean Bill Fielding, College of Commerce and Business Administration Dean Earl Wade, College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Jean Pugliese, College of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education Mr. David Hofland, College of Nursing and Health Sciences Dr. Teresa Gardner, Faculty Senate President Dr. Frank King, AVP for Distance Education Dr. Tim King, AVP for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Mr. Jason Sumner, SGA President Mr. Clint Carlson, Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Mr. Vinson Houston, Vice President for Information Technology Ms. Kelly Osterbind, Registrar Mr. Tony Bennett, University Auditor Mr. Greg Bonds, Associate Athletic Director, Internal Affairs Dr. Joe Delap, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Charles Lewis, Vice President for University Advancement Dr. Benjie Blair, Incoming Faculty Senate President Mr. Tim Garner, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications Dr. Louise Clark, Associate Dean, College of Commerce and Business Administration

Absent:

Mr. Don Killingsworth, Director of Government Relations Dr. Alicia Simmons, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment

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Old Business:

Minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

New Business:

Mr. Clint Carlson presented a policy update for Tuition Assistance – I:03:02. Updates included the following areas: Exceptions to GPA Requirements for Graduate Students, Scholarships and Other Sources of Assistance, and Auditing. Also, "Financial Aid" was changed to "Student Financial Services." Implementations effective summer 2012. Updates were approved as amended.

Mr. Jason Sumner announced that SGA will be taking a group to Orlando, FL for a retreat.

SGA will have a strategic planning meeting when they return and set the calendar for the upcoming year.

Dr. Teresa Gardner introduced Dr. Benjie Blair as the new Faculty Senate President. Faculty Senate has ordered two new file cabinets and an iPad. Elections are scheduled for the next meeting. A list of the 2012 Senators was distributed for review. Dr. Blair requested that Department Heads submit recommendations for replacements of Senators.

Announcements:

Dr. Rebecca Turner announced that the Faculty Awards Program is Tuesday, May 8.

Dean John-Bauer Graham announced that the Library had about 1000 students during extended hours for finals week. Also, the Art Department will be using the 8th floor of the Library during the May term for an open air painting class.

Dr. William Fielding announced that Higher Education may be cut by 4.88 %. A recommendation has been submitting requesting that schools that do not increase tuition not be included in the cut. However, if all schools are cut by 4.88% a tuition increase has been recommended by the Budget Committee.

Dr. Teresa Gardner announced that this would be her last meeting serving as Faculty Senate President and expressed appreciation for the opportunity.

Dr. Charles Lewis announced that May 15 at 5:30 p.m. would be a Calhoun County Chamber After Hours on the 5th floor of Stadium Towers. Also, Dr. Lewis requested that suggestions coming from departments go through the colleges so that the Deans see any suggestions.

Dr. Jean Pugliese thanked Dr. Rebecca Turner for her support with the Graduate Recruitment Workshop. Also, she announced that the deans are working on establishing committees to assist with setting goals for recruiting. Dr. Pugliese also discussed ways to involve retired faculty members.

Mr. Clint Carlson discussed the test phase of direct deposit for reimbursement of travel. Also, Business Affairs is looking at doing away with the paper check stub. Finally, students are being encouraged to use direct deposit for financial aid.

Ms. Kelly Osterbind announced that 554 students are expected to participate in Commencement on May 4.

Dr. Rebecca Turner announced that Governor Bentley will receive an Honorary Doctorate. Mr. Clarence Daugette will be presenting the Daugette Awards at the reception on May 4. Also, Dr. Turner announced that a big screen TV with closed caption will be on the east side of the 5th floor Stadium Tower for anyone that needs assistance. UPD will create a path under the stadium after graduation for faculty to exit.

Dr. Joe Delap announced that a record number of faculty will be participating in graduation.

Mr. Tim Garner announced that the internal use of printing has done very well. A large format printer is being purchased for the JSU Print Shop.

Meeting was adjourned.