UA Rich Mountain Professional Association Faculty Chamber Minutes

November 19, 2021

I. **Call to order:** Robbie called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

II. **In attendance:**

Mysti Gates	Jennifer Howard	Penny Lunsford
Damian Maxwell	Dr. Carpenter	Craig Jumper
Janet VanDeest	Robbie Burt	Dr. Gyanwali
Tammy Parnell	Dr. Nath	

III. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:**

a. Penny made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting.

b. Dr. Gyanwali seconded the motion.

IV. **Open issues:**

a. Fall/Spring Academic Calendar:

i. Mysti opened the floor for discussion on the number of weeks in the fall and spring semesters. Discussion also touched on the increase in absences on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week due to multiple factors.

ii. Jennifer provided a brief summary of academic calendars from UA, UAFS, ATU, and UACCM. All of these colleges have a fall and spring semester that total 15 weeks of instruction and a week for finals. All included a fall break on a Monday and Tuesday in October. UACCC has a similar academic calendar but gives students Thanksgiving week off instead of a fall break.

iii. Penny made a motion that Robbie speak with administration about possibilities with the fall academic calendar. Mysti seconded the motion. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion passed.

b. Blackboard Training:

i. Damien made a motion to ask the Professional Development Committee to schedule a Blackboard training for faculty. Dr. Carpenter seconded the motion. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion passed.

ii. Later, Dr. Gyanwali made a motion that this meeting be scheduled for December 3rd. Janet seconded this motion.

c. Curriculum Committee Findings:

i. Mysti explained that a motion was put forth in the Academic Standards/Curriculum Committee to remove World Civilizations

as an Associate of Arts degree requirement. After faculty discussed the benefits and negative effects of this change, Mysti made a motion to leave World Civilizations as a requirement to meet AA degree program outcome #3: *Students will increase their understanding of different cultures and societies across the globe and how both have changed over time.* Jennifer seconded the motion. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion passed.

V. New business

a. None

VI. Adjournment: Mysti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Damien seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.