

University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville
Board of Visitors Meeting – Minutes
June 19, 2025
Room 104 – Independence Hall
4:30 p.m.

Members present were Mr. Brad Cummins and Mr. Calvin Wright. Others present were Ms. Crystal Blue, Ms. Stacey Gross, Ms. Tiffany Guinnip, Mr. Bruce Hankins, Dr. Brian Shonk, Dr. Becky Warren, Ms. Jeanette Youngblood, Dr. Zach Perrine, and Mr. Heath Wooldridge

1. Reception

a. Introductions – New Employees

- i. Ms. Kim Lahmann – Executive Assistant to the Chancellor
- ii. Mr. Keenan Wilson – Campus Safety Officer

2. Establish a Quorum and Call to Order - Quorum is not established, not enough members present, meeting called to order by Dr. Shonk at 4:31

3. *Approval of Minutes – October 17, 2024 and January 16, 2025 – A quorum was not established, and approval of the minutes was tabled for the June 2025 meeting.

4. New Business

a. Enrollment – Dr Zach Perrine

- i. Just want to give a quick update on enrollment Dr Perrine shared a chart and we are ahead on Both enrollment and headcount; we want to maintain the momentum of even though we are in a great spot. A year ago we were at a 16% deficit this year we are at 5%

b. Retention and Graduation Rates – Dr Zach Perrine

- i. The next thing to share are our 2 year retention and graduation rates for two year colleges. UACCB was only beat by .4% on retention rates, but we are top in graduation rates for the states 2 year programs. The national average is 29% our rate is 65% graduation rate. Chart is included in the PowerPoint presentation.

c. Assessment Dashboard– Ms. Tiffany Guinnip

- i. Tiffany came up with this assessment dashboard, we want to start tracking all of our courses, right now the dashboard tracks our success and retention rates for programs. In the future they will track assignments and success rates of those assignments by faculty, and how many students were lost. We have three dashboards built into this system. Each faculty member has a dashboard they can click on and see the grades, how many students finished and how many dropped. Faculty can search by term and they have a number of filters they can use. They can also look at this info by course which can be broken down and filtered in many ways.

d. Budget – Mr. Bruce Hankins

- i. This is our budget for the fiscal year ending June 30 2024. faculty and staff put all the numbers together and they wait for the state guidelines in April all of the information is then gathered and presented to the UA system for approval. This year UACCB had an increase in tuition and fees, and a 2% cost of living raise

was given to employees. We projected that the county sales tax would decrease for the year. There is a Board of trustees Presentation on page 9 there is a breakdown of grants, and the amount of our tuition and fees that should be collected for the year, the breakdown of our core expenses our operating expenses are about 9 million. With all grants, assistants we receive around 12 million with a total operating budget of around 28 million The college is lucky we do not have much debt, we do a transfer to fund for our depreciation to take care of the buildings. On page 12 there are actuals and the 2 year budget for different funds. We wanted you to see the actual forms we submit to the UA system.

e. **State Funding** – Dr. Brian Shonk

- i. These next few slides are where we need your help and understanding we do really good for our students retention and graduation rates, we do a good job of managing our money, but we also have to realize the constraints we work under state funds, tuition and fees, states sales tax and other are where we get our funds the state used to fund us over half of our budget, but the numbers drop year after year, from FY14 to FY26 there has been a 7.52% drop in state funds and the other bucket has decreased by 1.73% Really what I wanted to point out was the shift in numbers that is a 12 point swing that affects our students. We have concerns about how state funding is being distributed. this was based on students enrolled, if you have 15% of the students you received 15% of the funds. The state distribution is not evenly distributed among the 2 year schools, some schools are getting double because the way the formula for distributions was established in 1993 and it has not been changed or updated since then. We need to take a look at why some schools received double the funding for the same amount of students. President Silveria has a meeting for just the 2 year schools and one for the 4 year schools. And this disparity has been brought up to him and we would like make sure that if new funds come into the system that it be distributed in a different way. We knew that we didn't get paid per student like K-12, but we just recently figured out what kind of disparities there are. We want to reach out to all of the 2 year schools and the legislators to show them that our outcomes and our graduation rates are the highest and we would like to have the funds distribution reevaluated based on the high performance rates. This is a big issue that we will be laser focused on this year

f. **FARM Constuction Update** – Mr. Heath Wooldridge

- i. After our process of design and bidding approval was given to Wagner construction, they are also the company that helped with the welcome center. Heath is happy to work with them as they are easy to work with and have good communication skills. We want to build some offices, classrooms, labs, and meeting rooms in 10,000 square feet area. Another part of the FARM project is to develop a 30,000 square foot truck driving pad for our CDL classes. We are hopeful they will be done before the deadline of January. In just the past few days they have made some great progress. (Pictures were shared of artist's rendering) The pictures show where we started and the current state over the last couple of days. The first phase is to renovate the front 10,000 square feet of space, until we receive more funding to move on to phase 2. Are there any questions or anything you want to know about this project? Every Monday there will be updates with pictures We had a budget of 3.6 million and it came in at 3.4

- g. **Governor Sanders, Campus Visit** – Dr. Brian Shonk
 - i. Sara Sanders Huckabee toured the workforce training center and then we had a round table discussion with our staff and local business owners/CEOs. She was very engaged and happy and took her time to talk and learn. The secretary of education and the secretary of commerce were present, and our staff made a great impression on these members as well as Governor Sanders and her cabinet members. We are going to revitalize our stone recognition program by the flags and see if there is a way to generate not only revenue, but visibility for UACCB.

Executive Session (if necessary) - For future meetings and events Kim will send an invite ahead of time so that these events are on everyone's calendars for the year. instead of only sending e-mails a couple weeks before. you will have them on your calendar, in addition to the reminders Kim will send

5. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 5:13

Agenda items with an asterisk (*) require Board approval.

Board of Visitors Meeting Schedule – FY 2024-2025

June 19, 2025

Commencement

Spring 2025 – May 12, 2025

Board of Visitors Attendance Requested

UACCB Purpose

Improve lives.

UACCB Mission

Improve lives by empowering the people of North Central Arkansas through education and skills development.

UACCB Vision

Empowering people to thrive through student success, organizational excellence, community engagement, and economic prosperity.

UACCB Values

Caring – We engage with respect and compassion to foster a sense of belonging.

Integrity – We commit to accountability, transparency, and trust.

Learning – We promote lifelong learning, curiosity, and discovery.

Transformation – We drive advancement through resilience and innovation.