students will take 12 credit hours and live in university housing. We hope to grow this program to 250-300 students each spring.

6. We have expanded our Chinese teacher's program through the UCA Confucius Institute from 9 to 18 for fall 2011. More to come!

A note of interest, with our spring Global Education project, we will have a record number of international students on campus – approximately  $\underline{700}$ . (Fall 2009 - 602)

- 7. Our Admissions Office have had a 10% increase in applications over this time last year. We had hoped for 25-30% but we will keep moving forward.
- 8. The Financial Aid Office is purchasing a software package <u>Net Calculator</u> that will allow prospective and current students to identify exactly what financial packages they are eligible for.
- 9. The Farris Athletic Complex has added a new video board and scoreboard system, which is being paid via private funding. The baseball field has had major enhancements also via private funds. The women's volleyball team won the Southland Conference outright for the second straight year (15-1 conference record; 28-8 overall).
- 10. The fall phonathon exceeded its goal this year. Goal \$15,000; amount actually raised \$22,641.09.
- 11. On a financial note: Our progress continues. As Mrs. Newton will discuss, our cash position at the end of November, 2008 was approximately **§6 million**, compared to November, 2010 cash position of approximately **§39 million**. As they say, we've come a long way!

And finally, we will be asking you to support a proposal to provide our classified staff with a 2% across the board raise, effective January 1, 2011. As you know, the Governor removed his request to hold our approved raises for our non-classified at the end of November. These raises started showing up in their December 15 checks.

I know you, as I do, appreciate the tremendous job that our classified staff does. Yes, this wasn't budgeted but with your approval, we will find a way to make it happen.

Also, included in this request is to include non-classified employees hired between April 1 and September 30, 2010 since they were not included-0.0 0 0 m010 sh2 (t) 0y.2 (d-0.0s) -0.2 ()-180.3 (t) 0.2 (he)

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Thank you and if you have any questions I will be glad to respond.

The Ph2 (t) 0sident also introduced Dr. Graham Gillis, Associate Vice Ph2 0.2 (s) -0.2 (i) 0.2 (de) 0.2 (nt) 0.2 and Alicia Haflich, Miss UCA.

Dr. Mike Schaefer, Chair of the Strategic Planning and Resources Council, gave the Board an update on the strategic planning progress.

Mrs. Diane Newton, Vice President for Administration and Financial Services, updated the Board on the University's finances. Reports are attached to these minutes.

Dr. Brad Teague gave a report on the Athletics camps held this summer. The report is attached to these minutes.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Bobby Reynolds, chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the committee met at 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 13, 2010. Several audits were reviewed, including the Honors College audit and the \$15,883.91 theft of SGA funds, and accepted by the committee.

# STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Meghan Thompson, President of the Student Government Association, addressed the Board. She did not submit a written statement.

#### **ACTION AGENDA**

#### **Jewel Moore Nature Reserve**

**Background:** In June 1934, the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State Teachers College acquired forty acres of land on the southwest side of campus. This land, plus additional land already owned by the Board of Trustees, was used for farming and livestock purposes, until sometime in the 1940s.

According to information provided from the Dean's Office of the College of Natural Sciences

## **Board of Trustees Fund**

The University has had some excellent international partners in the past. The University continues to nurture some of these partnerships and hopes to continue to pursue additional arrangements as they become available and when it is believed that such partnerships can be beneficial to the University. No binding commitments or significant expenditure of university resources will occur without final approval by the Board.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion by Randy Sims with a second by Bobby Reynolds:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees authorizes the administration to explore opportunities with international partners with the hope of creating opportunities for faculty and students abroad and for recruiting international students in numerous and various other ways to attend the University of Central Arkansas."

#### **Cost of Living Increase for Classified Employees**

The Arkansas Department of Higher Education, clarified that classified employees of higher education were eligible to receive the two percent (2%) salary increase referenced in a December 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement made by Governor Beebe.

The administration recommends providing this 2% salary increase to all classified employees effective January 1, 2011. Funding has been identified to create a permanent base adjustment to the budget covering the salary and associated fringes.

The administration also recommends providing this 2% salary increase (effective January 1, 2011) to a certain group of non-classified employees and faculty, those who were employed by

certain non-classified employees and faculty, who did not receive the 2.25% salary increase."  $\,$ 

### NOTIFICATIONS AND DELETIONS

## Notification: Deletion of the BSE in Business & Marketing Technology

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## Notification: Deletion of a Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing

At the request of ADHE staff, we have replaced the generic PMC in Nursing with the four discipline/practice-specific PMCs listed here:

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#### **Notification: New Minor Program, Statistics**

The Provost and President have accepted the recommendation of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Natural Science and Mathematics that a new minor program in Statistics be made available to students. Three members of the mathematics faculty have the necessary credentials to teach in this program, and repeated inquiries from various undergraduate majors suggest that significant demand for the program exists. Several majors – including biology, business, chemistry, economics, physics, and psychology – will potentially benefit from the addition of the proposed minor. These fields and others increasingly require data analysis skills once students graduate from UCA and enter the workforce.