



Academic Affairs Newsletter

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Dr. Valeriy Dolmatov

The Council of the American Physical Society at its November 2010 meeting elected Dr. Valeriy Dolmatov, Professor of Physics at UNA, to Fellowship in the American Physical Society. Election to APS Fellowship is a distinct honor signifying one's outstanding contributions to physics. This election is limited to no more than one-half of one percent of the membership, and UNA is the only university in the state of Alabama whose faculty has received this distinct honor in 2010. The citation on his Fellowship reads: "For advancing the understanding of the structure and spectra of free and confined atoms, photoelectron angular asymmetries, dynamics of half-filled-subshell." Congratulations to Dr. Dolmatov!

SACS

Several UNA faculty and administrators recently attended the annual meeting of SACS, our regional accrediting agency. The conference helps us affirm that UNA is well-positioned to have a good accreditation review in 2011-12. Conversations with other institutions and attendance at sessions on various SACS standards were all positive. The most compelling reason for being optimistic is the diligence by UNA faculty and staff on behalf of our compliance audit and QEP. We can be very proud of our current progress and the hard work exhibited by so many in the UNA community.

On a more somber note, SACS voted to drop a neighboring institution, Lambuth University, from membership. This action will make it difficult for Lambuth to continue given that regional accreditation is a stipulation of receiving federal financial aid. The ultimate resolution will take time to be determined, but it is a wake-up call. It serves as a reminder of the importance of SACS to our campus.

Schedule for End of Semester

Keep in mind that all semester grades are due as follows:

All graduating student grades must be entered by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16.

All other grades must be entered by Noon on Friday, December 17.

Early Scholar grade sheets must be returned to the Registrar's Office, Room 119, Bibb Graves Hall by Noon on Friday, December 17.

Please abide by this deadline so grades can be posted in a timely manner. Commencement is Friday, December 17, at 7 p.m. in Flowers Hall.

Faculty Schedule for Start of Spring Semester

Monday and Tuesday, January 9-10, are considered work days and are set aside to assist students and faculty in preparing for the start of classes on Wednesday, January 12.

Faculty Promotions

January 10 is the deadline for college deans to complete a review of promotion portfolios. Thereafter, the university tenure and promotion committee will conduct reviews with a deadline of March 1. The VPAA/Provost completes the review process by March 8 and final decisions, in consultation with the President, are made by March 15.

Happy Holidays!!