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Innovation Center Council Spring 2016

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Through several meetings over the Spring Semester 2016, the Innovation Council has made progress in developing strategies to stimulate innovation and collaboration at the university.

- The committee, through research of many university innovation centers and the 2013 Ad Hoc Committee report on Increased Collaboration has developed a plan of action to move the ULM center forward.
- Technology has been purchased with the goal of facilitating faculty innovation and collaboration.
- The committee has determined that the room in Walker 1-147 will be called the Academic Innovation Center, with the acronym AIC.
- A mission and vision statement are in place.
- A reception to welcome and introduce ULM faculty to the vision and mission of the AIC will be held during University Week of Fall 2016.
- A series of events will take place throughout the Fall 2016, occurring approximately every month and covering diverse topics geared toward innovation and collaboration.

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