The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Jill Beville, President.

Roll Call: Roll was taken via sign-in. 58 members were present for General Assembly meeting.

Minutes Approved from November:
John Kasberg noted a correction for the November minutes. The second paragraph on the last page should say “that” rather than “the”. David Brown mad a motion to approve the November minutes as approved. John Burroughs seconded the motion to approve the corrected minutes. The assembly unanimously approved the November minutes as corrected.

Officer/ Committee Reports:

President: Jill Beville
The Ad Hoc committee assigned to evaluate the OCT Committee proposal met and decided that they should follow Carlton McHargh’s suggestion from the last assembly meeting to meet with the committee to try to understand their expectations and goals. The Ad Hoc committee will meet with the OCT Committee on Thursday, January 28 to gather more information. The floor will be opened to the PSA for discussion on this issue in New Business, later in the meeting.

President-elect: Reata Strickland
No report.

Past-President: Cali Davis
No report.

Secretary: Kristina Hopton-Jones
No report.

Treasurer: John Chambers
No report.

Parliamentarian: David Brown
No report.

Staff Life: Tom McLeod
No report.
**Service and Outreach:** John Kasberg

The committee met on January 13. They collected 58 coats this year to donate to a local organization. Last year only 13 coats were collected. Thank you to everyone who donated. The LifeSouth blood drive was a huge success. 419 pints of blood were collected compared to the 14 pints last year.

John received a thank you note from Pam Prewitt at Brewer Porch for the $787 that was donated to the children this year.

**Professional Development:** Travis Railsback

A nomination announcement will go out for this year’s Outstanding Professional Award. The reception and presentation for this award will be held at the May meeting.

**Nominations and Elections:** vacant

Everyone will receive an email from Kristina regarding their PSA membership status next week. Additionally, each person in a department with an open position will receive an email calling for nominations for that position. The nominations should be submitted by February 15. The election will be held in March.

**Communications:** Allen Guenther

No report.

**Assembly Operations:** Mark Foster

No report.

**Technology:** John Hawkins

No report.

**Web:** Donald Malone

Donald’s email address has not been correct. It has been corrected.

**New Business:**

John Hawkins, chair of the ad hoc committee, assigned to review the OCT proposal, gave the assembly an overview of the conversation in the meeting. The key factor is that we need more information to move forward.

John Burroughs commented that if the PSA merged with the OCT so that the OCT could have a stronger voice, it would dilute the voice of the PSA.

Janet Griffith noted that in the past, this committee has had trouble with participation.

Jill Beville noted that the committee seemed to have committed representation now and the group participation had improved.

Tom Land indicated that he had been invited to attend an OCT meeting and felt that his realities and the realities in the OCT committee did not mesh. Similarly, as an attendee of a Faculty Senate meeting, he felt lost with that group also.

The assembly discussed that the PSA and OCT have different concerns all together.

John Kasberg brought the OCT duties and composition statement obtained from the community.ua.edu website. He left the form at the front of the room for those who were interested.
Ralph Clayton recommended the PSA help OCT form its own separate committee that could be structured after the PSA and Faculty Senate. Joan Barth suggested that we work with the OCT on common goals such as parking, childcare, and other issues that are shared by both groups. Based on the track record of the OCT, they have not been able to put together and efficient group, but perhaps PSA could assist in the formation of such a group.

**Report from PSA members on UA Standing Committees:**

**John Chambers - Undergraduate Student Services Committee**
The committee is breaking up into 3 subgroups to research issues raised by undergraduates including, the incorrect perception that with the enrollment increase, the quality of students is decreasing; freshman year experience; student employees concerns with how they are viewed on campus. The subgroups will being meeting next month.

**Holly Hallman (representing Julie Ember) - Student Life Committee**
The committee met the first week of January to vote on the revised election manual, however, the committee did not have a quorum so they will try again next month.

**Mary Wymer - Student Health Committee**
They are continuing to encourage students to get the H1N1 vaccine. Additionally, they are conducting workshops on financial health. David Brown said that it is important for everyone to get the seasonal and H1N1 vaccine. The SHC is seeing a case of type A flu every 2-3 days. John Kasberg added that student health insurance is available for purchase through February 1.

Janet Griffith asked the PSA to communicate to the Athletic department a suggestion made by the retiree association. The suggestion is for Athletics to give priority to those on the Tide Pride waiting list with the highest number of years of service. These former faculty and staff members had ordered 4 tickets for years and with the increase in demand have been reduced to 2 tickets. Since the cut has been made, they have been forced to be added to the Tide Pride waiting list in hopes of once again having the privilege of ordering 4 tickets every year. There was much discussion on this issue and other football ticket issues.

**Announcements:**

- Steering Committee: February 11, 3:00 p.m. Housing Conference Room
- PSA General Meeting: February 18, 3:00 p.m. 227 Lloyd Hall

Adjourned at 3:53 p.m.