The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Allan Guenther, President.

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

**Minutes Approved from August:**

David Brown moved that the August 16, 2012 minutes be approved as written. The assembly unanimously approved the minutes.

Prior to the meeting, Dr. Margaret Garner, Assistant Dean, Health Education and Outreach, made a presentation entitled “Higher Education Partnership and Advocacy”.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:** Allan Guenther
- Allan announced that the Mark G. Foster Scholarship pledge cards are available.
- He encouraged everyone to support the Brewer Porch Holiday fund. We cannot solicit support during the United Way Campaign, which will start soon.
- Allan shared that Deidra Perry has accepted a new position in Birmingham. He thanked her for her service as Co-Chair of the Professional Development Committee.

**President-elect:** Sonya Dunkin -- No report

**Past-President:** Tom McLeod -- No report

**Secretary:** Gayle Howell -- No report

**Treasurer:** John Chambers -- Absent

**Historian:** Randy Mecredy -- No report

**Parliamentarian:** David Brown -- No report
Committee Reports:

Ad hoc Scholarship: Sonya Dunkin
• Allan reported that he and Sonya Duncan had lunch with Erin Harney and Mark Foster’s brother and Dr. Nelson.

Professional Development: Rachel Frazier
• The survey this year will be sent to all professional staff campus-wide. It will include some staff life topics.

Staff Life: Amy Ratliff
• Amy reported that the Committee has conducted a smoke-free campus survey over the summer. A draft of the Resolution was sent to all PSA members via email prior to this meeting. The Resolution will be discussed and voted upon at the October meeting.

Technology and Web: Donald Malone -- No report

Nominations and Elections: Curt Ward & Mukesha Volts -- No report

Communications: Jackie Howell & Latasha Watters -- No report

Career Connections: Naomi Powell
• Two new members have been added to the Committee.

Service and Outreach: Julie Elmore & Mary Thornton
• Julie reviewed the three drives currently underway:
  o The Brewer Porch Children’s Center Holiday Fundraiser; the goal is $500. There is a link on the PSA website to make a donation.
  o A Fall coats, scarves, hats and gloves drive.
  o A used cell phone collection; the goal is 100 phones.
• Another drive will be added next month. Bring canned goods and non-perishable foods to the October meeting to go toward the campus-wide Beat Auburn Beat Hunger drive.

Assembly Operations: David Brown -- No report

Standing Committee Reports
• Campus Master Plan – Tom Land -- Have not met
• Safety and Security – Yolanda Eubanks -- Have not met
• Equal Opportunity – Katherine Klose -- No report
• Faculty/Staff Benefits – Peter Pierre -- Absent
• International Education – Kim Olin
  o The Committee discussed issues effecting international students and faculty visiting, working, and enrolled at UA as well as students studying abroad from UA.
  o International student enrollment is approximately the same as last year.
  o The list of goals for the Committee to address this academic year include:
    ▪ Housing for short-term needs for faculty and students
    ▪ Transportation
    ▪ Create an International Conferences Database
    ▪ Faculty International Services
    ▪ UA students who want to study abroad retain housing benefit
• Libraries – Mary Thornton -- Have not met
• Parking and Traffic – Naomi Powell
  o Bicycle safety on campus was discussed.
• Student and Campus Life – Julie Elmore -- Have not met
• Student Health – Jessie Hitchins
  o The student Health Center has increased their hours of operation. New staff and a psychiatrist are being hired. The best time to visit the center for services is at 8:00am.
• Undergraduate Programs – John Chambers -- Absent
• University Recreation – Daniel Feig
  o The two main issues discussed were 1) over crowding because of the increase in student numbers, and 2) funding because more students are using the facilities, however, the appropriation has not increased.
• Information Technology – Cathy Morris
• Intercollegiate Athletics – Darrell Hargreaves
• Faculty Senate – Andy Maddox
  o Topics discussed were:
    ▪ Need for more faculty participation in commencement and with student organizations
    ▪ There is a need for international student housing during holidays
    ▪ A committee is looking at child care needs
    ▪ Dr. Bailey is to speak to the Faculty Senate soon
Committee on University Committees – Tom McLeod -- Have not met

Allen Guenther announced the need to appoint a PSA member to serve as the liaison to the newly-formed OCT Assembly. Anyone interested should let Allan know.

**New Business: None**

**Old Business: None**

**Announcements:**

Pam Prewitt of Brewer Porch will be our speaker in October.

Donald Malone has updated the PSA website making it possible to make an online donation to Brewer Porch possible.

Tom McLeod pointed out that PSA has reached a milestone. As the PSA President, Allen has been invited to represent us all on the new President’s Administrative Council.

Steering Committee: October 11, 3:00 p.m. 216A Lloyd Hall
PSA General Meeting: October 18, 3:00 p.m. 118 Graves Hall

Adjourned at 4:10 p.m.