GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING  
September 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Sonya Dunkin, President.

Prior to the meeting Shashank Wattall spoke about the SGA’s recycling initiative. The purpose is to promote recycling on campus. The target audience is the UA community members, on and off campus. The program has two main components: education and outreach. The office of Sustainability and Recycling and Housing have been supportive of the program. Housing has held competitions between the buildings and has placed recycling bins in the residence halls. They are trying to work with the Greek community to get more organizations involved. They would like to get recycling bins in the academic buildings as well at off campus housing locations. The challenge they face is funding for the program. Their website is sga.ua.edu/recyclebama.

Brewer Porch presenters Corlis Banks, Coordinator for Residential Treatment Programs, and Dr. Ross Grimes, Clinical Director, gave an overview of the programs and services the facility provides related to mental health for emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children. They employ 300 staff and provide two residential programs, a short-term program, in which children stay 3 months, and an intensive, long-term program that last 18 months. The financial support from the Brewer Porch Holiday Fund through PSA helps children who are in the long-term program, who may have little or no family support, and may have been hospitalized two or more times. The fund provides children with things they would not otherwise get because of the lack of funding or shortages in funding from the county.

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

Minutes Approved from August:

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the August 15 meeting be approved as amended. The assembly unanimously approved the minutes.

Officer Reports:

President: Sonya Dunkin

- Members have spoken out about the handling of student involvement in local elections. Members should discuss any concerns within their committees and the
chair should bring the concerns to the Steering Committee. Members can also contact Sonya directly.

President-elect: Amy Ratliff
- The meeting room for the General Assemble January (only) meeting will change to Gorgas 205.

Past-President: Allan Guenther -- No report

Secretary: Gayle Howell -- Absent

Treasurer: John Chambers -- Absent

Historian: Randy Mecredy -- No report

Parliamentarian: David Brown -- No report

Committee Reports:

Ad hoc Scholarship: Amy Ratliff
- Amy encouraged members to consider giving to the Mark Foster Scholarship. The committee is working to have the option to have donations to be made “in honor of” someone. Donations can be payroll deducted and can be anonymous as well. Advancement will notify the person if donations are made “in honor of” someone.

Professional Development: Jana Motes-Patton -- No report

Staff Life: Jennifer Clark -- No report

Technology and Web: Rachel Frazier
- Working on the 10 year commemorative website by listing 10 PSA initiatives.

Nominations and Elections: Mukesha Voltz
- Gearing up for next years’ elections.

Communications: Latasha Watters -- No report

Career Connections: Naomi Powell -- Absent

Service and Outreach: Julie Elmore & Mary Thornton
- Working on the Brewer Porch Holiday Fund, cell phone drive, and coat drive. Working with a student group to co-sponsor a drive for DHR. They have collection boxes that can be set up in buildings to collect cell phones. The boxes are from Verizon and have the HopeLine logo on them.

Assembly Operations: David Brown -- No report
Standing Committee Reports

- Campus Master Plan – Tom Land -- No report
- Safety and Security – Yolanda Eubanks -- No report
- Equal Opportunity – Andre Love
  - First meeting will be Oct 4.
- Faculty/Staff Benefits – Leslie Guy
  - Will meet next week.
- International Education – Kim Olin-Hammond -- Absent
- Libraries – Mary Thornton -- No report
- Parking and Traffic – Naomi Powell -- Absent
- Student and Campus Life – Julie Elmore -- No report
- Student Health – Valerie Mills
  - A flu shot drive is under way.
- Undergraduate Programs – John Chambers -- Absent
- University Recreation – Daniel Feig -- No report
- Information Technology – Kim Smalley -- No report
- Intercollegiate Athletics – Darrell Hargreaves -- No report
- Faculty Senate – Kathy Bir
  - A meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday to discuss the Faculty Senate’s statement regarding the alleged student involvement the local election.
- Committee on University Committees – Rachel Frazier -- No report
- United Way – David Wilson -- No report

- OCT – Karen Silliman
  - They held a school supply drive to benefit students in the Alabama Reach program.
  - They are working on a parking proposal to make parking permits more affordable.

- OCT – Sherry Phillips

Announcements:
- Steering Committee: October 9, 3:00 p.m. 216A Lloyd Hall
- PSA General Meeting: October 17, 3:00 p.m. 118 Graves Hall

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.