



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING  
November 19, 2015**

Reata Strickland spoke to us about Tide for Tusks. They are a nonprofit organization on campus raising awareness of the university's ties to elephants and the current crisis of ivory poaching and the urgent need for conservation of the African elephant.

The meeting was called to order at 3:56 p.m. by Jennifer Clark, President.

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

**Minutes from October 15th:** The minutes for October General Assembly were approved and will be posted to the PSA website.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:** Jennifer Clark

- Good turnout at the PSA table at the UA Staff Career Resource Fair on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, thank you to the Communications and Technology committees for their help with our display.
- Dr. Bell asked Jennifer to represent the PSA on this Strategic Planning Council committee. Please share your thoughts, ideas, questions or concerns with Jennifer to share with committee.
- No General Assembly meeting in December, will meet on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Past-President:** Amy Ratliff – no report

**President-elect:** Darrell Hargreaves

- Working to secure a room for spring.

**Secretary:** Cheryl Rosamond – no report.

**Treasurer:** John Chambers – no report.

- Mark Foster scholarship \$8,686 realized and \$3,129 pledged.

**Historian:** Julie Elmore

- This year 10 years ago, PSA started raising money for the Brewer Porch Children's center, the first year we raised \$1,719.

**Parliamentarian:** David Brown – no report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Ad hoc Scholarship:** Darryl Hargreaves

- Goal is to have the scholarship funded by February.

**Assembly Operations:** David Brown

- Committee met by email on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and discussed amending the Bylaws for the protocol that should be followed in the event an active officer resigns.
- Discussed the amendment proposed by the Nominations and Elections committee. The Committee would like a definition of "unit" in the proposal.

**Communications:** Rebecca Royen

- Developed slide show and informational flyers for the PSA.
- 5 facts about PSA for the dialog
- Working on social media.

**Nominations and Elections:** Cori Perdue

- Meeting last Friday, reviewed the current PSA roster to see who will be rolling off and determining how many seats will be available.
- The committee moved that we amend the PSA bylaws from 15:1 to 20:1. Size of the University's staff has greatly increased, with the current ratio we are having difficulty filling seats and meeting quorum for our business meetings. The Faculty Senate has same ratio.
- Discussion was held on the amendment. Vote will be held in January.

**Professional Development:** Lynn Tobola – absent.

**Service and Outreach:** Patricia Powe

- Continue to raise money for Brewer Porch to meet the \$5,000 goal. So far we have raised \$ 5885.00.
- To raise money for Brewer Porch and the Mark Foster Scholarship fund, December 10<sup>th</sup> PSA members and their families can have their pictures with Santa at the Bryant Conference Center from 4:00 -6:00 PM tickets are on sale for \$20.
- Cell phones and coat drive continues.
- Beat Auburn beat hunger barrels on campus through November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Life:** Lynsey Dill – no report.

**Technology and Web:** Kim Smalley – absent.

## Standing Committee Reports

- **Campus Master Plan** – Lynn Heard
  - University Blvd is no longer a state highway and a “road diet” is planned to improve pedestrian safety. Peter Bryce Blvd and North Campus Way with a fully signalized intersection onto Jack Warner Pkwy-scheduled for completion next summer.
  - Plans are being made now for the 2017 Campus Master Plan update and this committee should expect to be very active this spring semester.
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road\\_diet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_diet) A **road diet**, also called a **lane reduction** or **road re-channelization**, is a technique in transportation planning whereby the number of travel lanes and/or effective width of the road is reduced in order to achieve systemic improvements.
- **Committee on University Committees** – Cori Purdue no report.
- **Equal Opportunity** – Camisha Adams
  - The Equal Opportunity Committee met on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker was Dr. Jennifer Greer, the Associate Provost for Administration. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Faculty Senate** – no report.
- **Faculty/Staff Benefits** – Rebecca Royen – no report.
- **Information Technology** – Kim Smalley – no report.
- **Intercollegiate Athletics** – Darrell Hargreaves
  - Ed O’Bannon case dealing with Amateurism in college athletics, keep an eye on this case as it could shape college athletics in the future. Jonathan Bowling came and discussed this case along with NCAA compliance proposed changes.
  - Jon Dever came and spoke about academics in athletics and we are doing very well, tops in the SEC with football and basketball Graduation Success Rate. We have also done very well with Academic All-Americans. Since 2010 we are second in the country behind MIT.
  - Faculty/Staff tickets, Chris Besanceney came and spoke about proposed language to be placed on the ticket request application. Also, the IAC will work on potential sanctions to be in place for next year. Reminded the PSA to educate staff members they can only sell tickets for what they purchased them for through athletics.
- **International Education** – Gayle Howell
  - Currently the University has no housing for visiting scholars. Working with other departments on campus to find housing options.
- **Libraries** – Lynn Tobola – no report
- **OCTA** – Alyson Jarnagin – absent.
- **Parking and Traffic** – Kyle Mitchell – no report.
- **Safety and Security** – Terry Davis – no report
- **Student and Campus Life** – Helen Smith – no report.
- **Student Health** – Katherine Johnson – absent.
- **Undergraduate Programs** – John Chambers – no report.
- **University Recreation** – Jessica Anderson – no report.
- **United Way** – Julie Elmore – The United Way cards are due today.

**New Business: None.**

**Announcements:**

- PSA General Meeting: January 21st at 3:30 p.m., location TBA.

Adjourned at 4:28 pm.