



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING  
August 20, 2015**

Prior to the business meeting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mark G. Foster Scholarship was awarded to Chris Chirino, who shared acceptance remarks. The award was presented by Dr. Stuart Bell, University of Alabama President. Dr. Bell shared impressions on returning back to the Capstone and his vision for the University.

The meeting was called to order at 3:55 p.m. by Jennifer Clark, President.

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

**Minutes from April 16th:** The April minutes were unanimously approved as written by the assembly.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:** Jennifer Clark

- Nominated Parliamentarian David Brown and Historian Darryl Hargreaves, their nominations were unanimously approved by the General Assembly.
- The Steering Committee presented Dr. Bonner with her resolution in July.
- Thanks to Nominations and Elections committee for filling the open At Large positions.
- It's important to be part of a committee, summary information for each committee is on our website. Email committee chair you are interested in joining their committee.
- PSA has representatives on each UA standing committee, we need a PSA representative for Student and Campus Life Committee. If you are interested email Jennifer Clark.

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

**President-elect:** Julie Elmore - Absent

- Resigned as President-Elect, the Assembly and Operations committee will be meeting to discuss how we are to proceed.

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

**Treasurer:** John Chambers

- General request: Please make sure all bills are sent to me first for processing and not directly to Dr. Gilbert. The only way to keep track and have details of all items is for me to get copies before they go for payment.

**Historian:** Darry Hargreaves – No report.

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

### **Committee Reports:**

**Ad hoc Scholarship:** Cliff Davis

- Still working to meet our goal to have the Mark Foster scholarship endowed. We thought we had achieved that goal last August, but unfortunately several large donors have left the University.

**Assembly Operations:** David Brown

- Committee will meet following the GA meeting today.

**Communications:** Tyler Uzzell and Rebecca Royen

- Meeting in June which was attend by all members and set goals for the year
  - Improve attendance at meetings.
  - Find ways to make it easy for the members to take information back to their departments.
  - Increase awareness of the PSA.

**Nominations and Elections:** Cori Perdue

- Verified that all PSA members are professional staff and eligible to be members of the committee.
- Filled remaining open At Large positions.

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

**Service and Outreach:** Patricia Powe

- Christmas in September, link is on the website for donations to Brewer porch
- Continuing with the cell phone drive to benefit the Women’s Resource Center, flyers are available to take back to your departments.
- Continuing with the coat drive for Temporary Emergency Services of Tuscaloosa, flyers are available to take back to your department.

**Staff Life:** Stephanie Linard

- Stephanie is stepping down as the chair.

**Technology and Web:** Kim Smalley

- Committee met in July and they are working to update the PSA website.

**Standing Committee Reports**

- **Campus Master Plan** – Lynn Heard – no report.
- **Committee on University Committees** – Cori Purdue – no report.
- **Equal Opportunity** – Camisha Adams – no report.
- **Faculty Senate** – Cheryl Rosamond - no report.
- **Faculty/Staff Benefits** – Rebecca Royen – no report.
- **Information Technology** – Kim Smalley – no report.
- **Intercollegiate Athletics** – Darrell Hargreaves- no report.
- **International Education** – Gayle Howell – no report.
- **Libraries** – Lynn Tobola - Absent
- **OCTA** – Alyson Jarnagin
  - Continuing to look at options for revamping parking permits
  - Better dependent care benefits
    - Possibly offering a more attainable daycare option on campus (other than CDRC)
    - Working with community daycares for more discounts for UA employees
- **Parking and Traffic** – Kyle Mitchell – no report.
- **Safety and Security** – Terry Davis – no report.
- **Student and Campus Life** – no representative currently for this committee.
- **Student Health** – Katherine Johnson – no report.
- **Undergraduate Programs** – John Chambers – no report.
- **University Recreation** – Andy Akin – no report.

**New Business:**

John Chambers – Changes for the UA Graduate Students health insurance – for the last 6-7 years for our GTA and GRA have received health insurance as part of their salary. Recently, the IRS said they are like employees and we can't subsidize their pay by paying for their health insurance. The University has decided to give them the cash equivalent of what we have paid in the past so they can buy any insurance plan. We still have given them the full benefit. The University plans to do the same thing in the spring unless IRS changes their ruling.

**Announcements:**

- PSA General Meeting: September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

Adjourned at 4:20 pm.