



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
November 17, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 pm by Darrell Hargreaves, President.

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

Minutes: The minutes for the October General Assembly have corrections that need to be made.

- Ad Hoc Scholarship needs to be removed.
- Adjourned time was incorrect.

Those changes will be made to the minutes and they will be voted on in January.

Officer Reports:

President: Darrell Hargreaves-

- On behalf of the PSA I would like to thank HR for coming to last month's general assembly meeting and addressing the concerns of the assembly regarding the FLSA. Please continue to check HR's website for any updates regarding this new law and how it will impact our campus.
- UA Staff Resources fair was a success. Our assembly got many questions and some interest in filling at-large positions.
- If you know anyone who wants to serve on the PSA please let Darrell know. We currently have 9 spots open and we want to have them filled by January.
- If you have any suggestions for meeting topics in the spring please let Darrell know. A Higher Education Partnership and Technology accessibility representative would like to attend a spring general assembly meeting.
- A Qualtrics survey will be sent out to the PSA. This survey will be used to shape and guide what the PSA will do concerning the FLSA and membership. When filling out the survey please think about long term goals for our assembly.
- The Office of Strategic Communications has been a great resource for communicating what we do in our meetings and updating information on the Faculty Staff news page.
- The Chief Diversity officer search committee is in full swing. The official title of the job is: Senior Associate Provost and Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and

Inclusion. Darrell will keep the PSA updated throughout the search. The committee is hoping to have an acceptance announcement by early spring.

Past-President: Jennifer Clark –absent/No Report

President-elect: Robert Baxter

- The Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Search committee is ongoing. The pool has been narrowed down to 4 candidates. Each candidate will be coming to campus for public presentations. The dates for those presentation are November 21st, 28th, 30th, and December 1st. The presentations will take place in 1012 North Lawn from 2:30-3:30pm and a reception will follow from 3:30-4:30pm. Additional information can be found on <https://www.ua.edu/provostsearch/>.
- Still searching for a meeting room for the Spring General Assembly Meetings.

Secretary: Emili Alexander -no report

Treasurer: John Chambers-absent/No Report

Historian: Julie Elmore

- During the November General Assembly meetings in 2014 and 2015, the assembly did not make quorum, so no official business could be conducted.

Parliamentarian: position vacant

Committee Reports:

Assembly Operations: Scott Sharp

- The committee will be looking at the language of the PSA bylaws as we continue to assess the needs of the assembly with the implementation of the FLSA. They will report back to the PSA with any potential amendments.

Communications: Rebecca Royen –No Report

Nominations and Elections: Cori Perdue- Holly Grof- No Report

Professional Development: Amy LeePard-absent/No Report

Service and Outreach: Daphne Wright

- On November 23rd from 4-9pm there will be a spirit night at the Northport Zoe's to help raise money for Brewer Porch. Brewer Porch will receive 20% during spirit night. Be sure to mention you are there with PSA when you check out. There will be 3 committee volunteers at Zoe's to tell everyone about the event so we can increase participation.
- Pictures with Santa will be on November 29th from 4-6 in the Bryant Conference Center. Tickets are \$25.

- UA collected over 400 coats for Temporary Emergency Services. This was an increase of 200 from last year's donation.
- There is a spirit night at Moe's Southwest from 5-8 pm tonight. The proceeds will go to Alabama Reach. Be sure to drop your receipt in the box.
- Habitat for Humanity has contacted the PSA to host a spring build. More information to come.

Staff Life: Danielle Clark

- If you are a member of the Staff Life Committee please plan to attend one of the following two meetings: November 18th from 10-11am or November 21st from 2-3pm. The meetings will be held in 371 Bidgood Hall.
- Campus Master Plan committee would like to meet with some PSA members. If you are interested please let Darrell know.

Technology and Web: Kim Smalley-Absent/No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Campus Master Plan** – Lynn Heard- No Report
- **Committee on University Committees** – Lyndell McDonald- No Report
- **Equal Opportunity** – Camisha Adams- No Report
- **Faculty Senate**- Stephanie Linard
 - At the November Faculty Senate Meeting they had a guest speaker, Mr. Gordon Stone the Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership. He discussed potential budget issues for the state of Alabama and Higher Education; specifically, the threat of losing our separate Education budget (there is talk of combining the General and Education budgets).
 - They also discussed the on-going search for the new Provost. Announced that four candidates will be visiting campus over the next couple of weeks to give presentations via open forum and encouraged them to attend.
- **Faculty/Staff Benefits** – Rebecca Royen- No Report
- **Information Technology** – Craig Graves- No Report
- **Intercollegiate Athletics** – Scott Sharp-absent/No Report
- **International Education** – Gayle Howell- No Report
- **Libraries** – Jackie Northrup- No Report
- **OCTSA** – Danielle Clark – No Report
- **Parking and Transportation** –Linda Johnson- No Report
- **Safety and Security** –Terry Davis- No Report
- **Student and Campus Life** – Helen Smith- No Report
- **Student Health** – Brian Pendley- No Report
- **Undergraduate Programs** – John Chambers- absent/no report
- **University Recreation** – Wyant Boreson
 - Adaptive Athletics facility will have groundbreaking in January with the hopes to have building completed going into the Fall 2017.
- **United Way** – Julie Elmore

- As of last Thursday \$322,632.00 had been raised for United Way. That is 88% of the goal. Auburn is close to being number 1 in participation, so please be sure to have your card turned in by this Friday, November 18th. Fundraising ends December 2nd and the celebration will be on December 6th.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Announcements:

- Heather Clayton from Health Promotion and Wellness presented on the new FitBit program. This is a new program that gives employees the opportunity to purchase FitBit's at a discounted rate until October 2017 and participate in programs throughout the year. Heather also shared healthy holiday eating tips. Some of those tips include sitting while you eat, avoid high sodium foods, don't overeat, and remember to still get some physical activity. If you would like more information about the FitBit program please visit <http://wellness.ua.edu/fitbit/>.
- Thank you to all of the PSA members who came to support the Graduate School Thesis Competition.
- The Graduate Student Association would like to collaborate with the PSA on the potential Habitat for Humanity spring build.
- The Ferguson Center is hosting a free watch party for the SEC Championship on December 3rd. Dreamland BBQ will be providing food.
- Please be sure to ask anyone from your department if they would like to serve in an at large position. If so, please let Darrell know.
- The Qualtrics Survey for FLSA information should be sent out within the week.
- PSA was encouraged to draft a statement declaring their support for all students on UA's campus. There were many ideas on how best to handle this and how to best make our students feel safe and welcome on campus. The Women and Gender Resource center would like to be a part of the conversation. This was brought up to be a proactive approach instead of a reactive approach for our students facing difficult times. The steering committee will be working on a draft that will let students on this campus know they are behind President Bell and UA's vision of diversity, equity, and inclusion for all of our students on campus to ensure their safety and well-being. The staff at UA also needs to be aware of the resources on our campus that are available to our students and be prepared to refer them if needed. Once a drafted statement is made the steering committee will present it to the PSA. If you have any ideas on the direction for the statement please let Darrell know.
- There will not be a General Assembly meeting in December.

Adjourned at 4:20pm.

The next PSA General Assembly meeting will be held on January 19, 2017 at 3:30pm.