

Professional Staff Assembly Timeline

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Oct 17, 2002 – The University-Wide Professional Staff Committee was charged with exploring the idea of establishing a Professional Staff Assembly. (Chairman - Roy T. Gregg, Jr.; Members – Alexia M. Kartis, Patricia A. Benton, Dennis A. Daniels, James R. Holliman, Jr., Randy Mecredy, Cynthia E. Moore, Susuma Kotru and Heather Anders).

Fall 2002 – Members of the committee convened monthly and researched professional staff organizations at other universities.

February 20, 2003 – The University-Wide Professional Staff Committee prepared a draft outline of Bylaws for a Professional Staff Senate.

March 2003 – The University-Wide Professional Staff Committee decided to change the name from Professional Staff Senate to Professional Staff Assembly and prepared a draft proposal to establish an Assembly.

April 23, 2003 – A draft Proposal to Establish a Professional Staff Assembly was submitted to the Office of the President of the University of Alabama. On April 24, 2003 The University Wide Professional Staff Committee was scheduled to meet with President Robert Witt, but instead met with Provost Judy Bonner. The committee received approval from the Provost and the Office of the President to move forward with the proposal.

August 2003 - The University-Wide Professional Staff Committee prepared A Proposal to Establish a Professional Staff Assembly and posted it to the website <http://www.bama.a.edu/~prostaff/>.

Fall 2003 - Members of the University-Wide Professional Staff Committee met with officers of the Faculty Senate, the University Committee on Committees, and the Council of Deans. Final version of the Proposal to Establish a Professional Staff Assembly was written along with an implementation plan.

January 2004 – Survey of the professional staff to determine if there was enough support to establish a Professional Staff Assembly.

Spring 2004 – Approval from the Office of the President to proceed with implementation of plan for establishing a Professional Staff Assembly.

July 2004 – Election of delegates to attend an assembly convention meeting.

September 2004 – First convention meeting held. The University-Wide Professional Staff Committee convened the meeting (Jim Holliman, spokesman) and provided logistical support and information to steer the convention toward establishing a Professional Staff Assembly. A Constitution and Bylaws Committee was elected (Jim Holliman was appointed chairman by the University-wide Professional Staff Committee).

October 2004 – April 2005 – Convention delegates and committees continued to meet monthly to develop an Assembly Constitution and Bylaws.

May 19, 2005 – Nominations and elections of first Professional Staff Assembly Officers: Chair - Sunnee Lavender; Chair elect – Ken Gaddy.

Fall 2005 – First Brewer-Porch Fundraiser (\$1,719.50)

April 2006 – Chair: Ken Gaddy

April 2007 – Chair: Mark Foster

April 2008 – Chair: Cali Davis

April 2009 – Chair: Jill Beville

May 21, 2009 – Outstanding Professional Award presented to Chris D’Esposito and Holly Luther

September 2009 – Established Career Connections (Reata Strickland)

April 2010 – Chair: Reata Strickland

May 20, 2010 – Outstanding Professional Award presented to Cali Davis and Mary Lloyd Lowry

April 2011 – Established Mark G. Foster Scholarship (Reata Strickland)

April 2011 – Chair: Tom McCleod

August 2011 – Mark G. Foster Scholarship awarded to Sara Hartley

May 19, 2011 – Outstanding Professional Award presented to Dixie MacNeil and John Kasberg

April 2012 – Chair: Allan Guenther

May 17, 2012 – Outstanding Professional Award presented to Karen Gardiner and Wayne Rau

August 2012 – Mark G. Foster Scholarship awarded to Erin Harney

April 2013 – Chair: Sonya Dunkin

May 2013 – Outstanding Professional Award presented to Robert Hayes and Stephanie Linard

August 2013 – Mark G. Foster Scholarship awarded to Litsa Orban