



**FEBRUARY 16, 2017
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 3:36pm by Darrell Hargreaves, President.

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

Minutes: The minutes for the January General Assembly were approved and will be posted to the PSA website.

Officer Reports:

President: Darrell Hargreaves-

- The PSA Resolution on Diversity and Inclusion was shared with many key stakeholders on campus and we received very positive feedback and support from administration. Darrell will continue to share this document during this semester. It will also be shared with the search firm and committee in charge of hiring the new VP/Associate Provost for DEI, as well as the final candidates.
- The job posting for the VP/Associate Provost for DEI has had an increase in applicants since the redefined position was posted in January. 86 applicants applied and now the search is down to the final 6. Interviews will take place next week and the committee will reconvene next Friday to narrow the pool down to the top three. During the week of March 20th on campus interviews will be held and open forums will be given with the top three candidates.
- The Habitat for Humanity build is looking at the week of March 23rd. They are still working to narrow down the days and times. Darrell will send those out as soon as he can.
- March 3rd will be Faculty/Staff night at the baseball game. Tickets will be free for Faculty/Staff so keep an eye out for more information on the upcoming event.
- The UA Standing Committee preference survey will be emailed out. The chairs are trying to gauge your participation. Please take the survey if you are on a committee or are interested in serving on one.

Past-President: Jennifer Clark- absent

President-elect: Robert Baxter-no report

Secretary: Emili Alexander-no report

Treasurer: John Chambers-absent

Historian: Julie Elmore-absent, no report

Parliamentarian: position vacant

Committee Reports:

Assembly Operations: Scott Sharp-no report

Communications: Rebecca Royen- absent, no report

Nominations and Elections: Cori Perdue and Holly Grof

- Election ballot will go out next week to all professional staff. Darrell sent out an email with a chart of all nominated professional staff. If you thought you were nominated and your name was not on that chart, and would like to be nominated, please let Cori know. We are close to our goal of having a nomination for all seats. If you know someone from nursing, research, or communications that would like to serve please let Cori know. Please remember to vote, we want to exceed our voting participation from last year.

Professional Development: Amy LeePard

- The Outstanding Professional Award Ceremony is all set for May. Dr. Bell accepted our invitation to present the award. Multi-media services, in the past, did our invitations and photos. However, they may be unable to volunteer their time this year. There should not be any issues with getting invitations out, and the committee is working on another option for photos. Start thinking about who you would like to nominate. Nominations should go out next week and be open for about 4 weeks.

Service and Outreach: Daphne Wright

- The next committee meeting will be in a few weeks. The next project will be working with Brewer Porch for their Easter Festival. Last year the Greek house mothers helped tremendously, but we need to make sure we have more PSA members volunteering. Please consider volunteering so we can continue to make this a great event for the kids. We are currently looking at dates for the festival, it may have to be after April 9th, but a firm date will be set soon.

Staff Life: Danielle Clark-no report

Technology and Web: Kim Smalley-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-no report
- **Faculty/Staff Benefits** – Rebecca Royen (absent, report given by Robert Baxter)
 - The committee met last month and reviewed a few proposals; a sick leave donation proposal and an idea plan for faculty and staff to submit their ideas that may be cost inducing and revenue generating. The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program was discussed and it was determined that it was not really a benefit for faculty and staff, so the PSA may look to see how they can support the program.
- **Information Technology** – Craig Graves-no report
- **Intercollegiate Athletics** – Scott Sharp-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-no report
- **University Recreation** – Wyant Boreson (absent, report given by Darrell Hargreaves)
 - They are building a new adaptive athletics wing at the recreation center. This will be used for competitive play and practice. The money for the building was given by donors.
- **United Way** – Julie Elmore-no report

Old Business: none

New Business:

- The Steering Committee looked at the PSA Bylaws and committees in the last meeting. They are looking at the functionality of those and specifically what makes sense and what doesn't for our assembly. There may be proposed changes to the bylaws coming soon.
- If you are a member of the Professional Development Committee and you would like to help with the Outstanding Professional Award Ceremony please let Amy LeePard know.
- If you have someone who wants to serve of PSA let Darrell know so he can work to fill any empty spots.

Announcements:

- As our guest speaker this month we heard from Gordon Stone, the Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership. He spoke on how important it is to let our legislatures know the impact education has on our state. The Higher Ed Partnership represents all 14 public universities in the state of Alabama and HEP helps the voices of educators be heard. For more information on HEP you can visit their website at <http://www.higheredpartners.org/>. Membership is \$1/month.
- Higher Ed Day is next Thursday, February 23 in Montgomery. It is a day for all colleges and universities in the state of AL to meet and represent their respected schools in front

of the state capital. It's a day of fun but also a day of advocacy to rally together for Higher Education in the state of AL. The SGA will be taking a bus, so if you want to go please let Darrell know and he can get you in contact with the SGA.

- OLLI will be sponsoring the Adaptive Basketball games on February 24th and 25th in Fosters Auditorium.
- After spring break, University Blvd from Arby's to the nursing building will be down to two lanes for repair.

Adjourned at 4:20pm.

The next PSA General Assembly meeting will be held on March 23, 2017 at 3:30pm.