

Auburn University  
Administrative and Professional Assembly

**A & P Assembly Meeting**

2222-2223 AU Student Center  
February 3, 2010 3:00 p.m.

**Approved Minutes**  
(Final March 25, 2010)

**I. Call to Order 3:00 pm**

**Roll Call-** Present: Christopher O'Gwynn, Susan Canaan, Victoria Tate, Seth Humphrey, David Benjamin, Jamie Mantooth, Phillip Coxwell, Wiebke Kuhn, Shirley Scott-Harris, Tammy Hollis, John Owen, John Folmar, Bryan Elmore, Todd Storey, April Staton, David Hennessey and Jane Hoehaver

Absent: Lisa Brantly, Marcalyn Price, Regina Williams, Elizabeth Bowersock and Kathy Harmon

**II. Guest Speaker-** President Gogue: Dr. Gogue addressed the audience on the state of the university. He said that Auburn had the biggest decrease in money this past year. There has been a 21% (\$76 million) decrease since September 30, 2009. 7.5% proration comes out to be about \$96 million. The Governor's budget calls for an increase in the education trust fund, but the legislature does not predict and increase. Alabama's money comes from sales and income tax. These pay a big part in Auburn's budget. President Gogue stated that the budget situation at Auburn is not good right now. Auburn is looking at a possible tuition increase to help with these issues. Auburn had a very low increase last year which was 5.2%. This was the lowest increase among the SEC schools behind Ole Miss and Mississippi State. The university is also looking at other revenue enhancements. President Gogue mentioned that the prognosis for pay raises this year does not look promising. However, Auburn University is lucky because it has not had to make any layoffs or furloughs. President Gogue encouraged everyone in attendance to take advantage of the tuition benefit that is offered to employees. Currently, only 4% of employees are using this benefit. He also encouraged everyone to be an active participant in the A&P Assembly.

**III. Approval of 11.18.09 Minutes-** approved

**IV. Comments from the Chair -** April Staton, Chair- see Old Business

**V. Executive Committee –** David Hennessey, Chair Elect- The executive committee has met twice since the last assembly meeting. We discussed the results of the A&P survey and how to increase attendance at our meetings. We also discussed enhancing the website.

## **VI. Committee Updates- Committee Chairs**

- a. Grievance- Bryan Elmore: no update
- b. Calendar and Schedules- Susan Canaan: we met one time this semester, and created the academic calendars for the next three academic years. These calendars were presented to the University Senate in November.
- c. Professional Development-Cathy Pate: we are currently working on several projects which include recognizing AU employees upon graduation, recognizing employee professional accomplishments and providing packets to new chairs of AP committees.
- d. Nominations and Elections-Dorothy Cordell: we have been working on the changes with the constitution.
- e. Welfare- Linda Shook/Roberta Jackel: This committee has been discussing employee morale issues and ways to boost morale.

## **VII. Old Business**

- a. **Update on Constitutional Change** April Staton, Chair- April thanked everyone on the ad hoc committee for the constitutional revision and for their hard work on preparing the information that was needed to pass the amendment to increase our representations with regard to places. April stated that Dr. Gogue did approve the constitutional change and we are getting it update online. Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will divide place 4 and 8 with Jamie Mantooth taking place 8 constituents and we will elect a representative for place 4. Also, due to the large number of A&P employees in place 2, we will elect another representative and that person and Susan Canaan will represent athletics. At the January called meeting the Assembly did not vote to create the At Large Representatives. April will be sending out the minutes for approval for that meeting and we will approve via email vote since there was no other business besides the election.

## **VIII. New Business**

- a. **Officer Election-** Nominations and Elections Committee
  - i. President Elect: Seth Humphrey
  - ii. Secretary: Susan Canaan
  - iii. At-Large Members: Bryan Elmore, Tammy Hollis, Jamie Mantooth

## **IX. Open Forum**

Comments and questions will be taken from the floor.

## **X. Next meeting March 24<sup>th</sup>**

## **XI. Adjourn- 4:05 pm**