



Administrative & Professional Assembly

Location: OIT Building

September 11, 2013 at 3 pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order – 3:00 pm

Roll Call

Present: Kirk Kreamer, Susan Canaan, Meaghan Weir, Karen Rankin, Timothy Jones, David Benjamin, Laurel Hendrix, Shannon Bryant-Hankes, Frank Oprandy, Wiebke Kuhn, Robert Kulick, Vic Walker, Tammy Hollis, Jane Farr, Jennifer Parker, Robert Holm, Cathy Pate, Kathy Harmon, Bryan Elmore, Ashley Hamberlin, Chuck Hunt

Absent: Courtney Gage, Lisa Martin, Elizabeth Bowersock

II. Approval of Minutes – May 22, 2013, approved

III. Speakers

a. Dr. Tim Boosinger – Provost (Strategic Plan)

Dr. Tim Boosinger gave an overview of the strategic plan, saying that the plan is the result of a one year process from a steering committee of 22 people and the feedback of approximately 1,500 people who participated in listening sessions and completed surveys. Dr. Boosinger described each of the five strategies priorities covered in the plan.

Copies of the strategic plan were distributed to all A&P Representatives and members present at the meeting. A copy of the strategic plan can be located online at: http://ocm.auburn.edu/strategic_plan/

b. Dr. Don Large – Executive Vice President (Budget Discussion)

Dr. Don Large provided an update on the proposed budget for FY2014 which was to be presented to the board on September 13, 2013. The proposed total of the budget for FY2014 was \$1.054 billion (FY2013 was \$1.025 billion). The proposed budget committed salary increases (2% pool-permanent, 2% pool-one time, merit based promotion), fringe benefit increases, allotments for provost priorities, and allotments for deferred maintenance.

c. Dr. Drew Clark – Director, Institutional Research & Assessment (SACS Update)

Dr. Drew Clark provided an update on the SACS review process. Dr. Clark described the process to reaffirmation of Title 4 Compliance of Accreditation. The university self-analysis, peer review of self-analysis, university response to the peer review, QEP project development and rollout, peer site visit and report, and university response to peer report steps have been completed. Currently, Auburn University is waiting for the vote to reaffirm accreditation which will take place in December 2014. The feedback from the peer review process showed Auburn in compliance with 98 of 100 standards. The two standards that Auburn was not compliant with were “demonstrating general learning outcomes” and “institutional effectiveness.” Dr. Clark expressed that a positive accreditation vote is expected on the condition of compliance with the final two standards.

IV. Comments from the Chair – Bryan Elmore

Bryan Elmore gave a brief statement regarding the remembrance of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Mr. Elmore announced that the new University Ombudsperson, Kevin Coonrod, will speak at the October meeting. He also reminded attendees that the next football game was designated as a “green game” to promote sustainability. Mr. Elmore gave an overview of the gun law policy saying that Auburn University will comply with state law which allows employees to keep a properly maintained weapon in their vehicle. Employees will not be allowed to carry weapons in buildings or elsewhere on campus. Mr. Elmore stated that the topic of benefits for same sex partners was in the initial discussion phase with the benefits committee. He also reported that the university was in the process of revising the harassment policy to include transgendered individuals.

V. Executive Committee Report – Ashley Hamberlin

Ashley Hamberlin reported that the executive committee had met two times. During those meetings the committee discussed dates, times, locations and speakers for the 2013-2014 assembly meetings along with how to increase membership at meetings.

VI. Unfinished Business

None

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Open Forum

None

IX. Adjourn – 4:28 pm