



Administrative & Professional Assembly

Location: Foy Hall Auditorium

April 2, 2014 at 3 pm

Minutes

Call to Order: 3:01 pm

I. Roll Call

Present: Kirk Kreamer, Josh Conradson, Meaghan Weir, Karen Rankin, Timothy Jones, David Benjamin, Laurel Hendrix, Frank Oprandy, Wiebke Kuhn, Robert Kulick, Vic Walker, Tammy Hollis, Elizabeth Bowersock, Jennifer Parker, Robert Holm, Cathy Pate, Bryan Elmore, Ashley Hamberlin

Absent: Susan Canaan, Courtney Gage, Shannon Bryant-Hankes, Kathy Harmon, Chuck Hunt

II. Guest Speakers

a. Dr. Gogue – President, Auburn University

- i. Dr. Gogue first spoke on the topic of his President's Meeting, reporting that defining success in universities is currently a main topic of discussion. In previous models, success was defined by how many students did not persist beyond freshman year. In the new model, graduation rates are assessed. Auburn's current graduation rate is approximately 68% with the goal being approximately 78%. Dr. Gogue reported other topics of discussion during the meetings include the evaluation of underprepared and lower income students and the evaluation of ease of transferring credits between institutions. Dr. Gogue referenced data from IPEDS (<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/>) which is used in rankings.
- ii. Dr. Gogue next spoke on the ongoing construction on Auburn's campus. Current projects include the renovation of the East side of Lowder Building which will include a coffee shop, the Wellness Kitchen opening in August 2014, the addition of a new food service venue in the Foy loading dock area, the opening of the small animal hospital, and the construction of the new school of osteopathic medicine opening in fall 2015.
- iii. Lastly, Dr. Gogue provided updates on the current session of the state legislature reporting that Auburn saw a .7 of 1% (a few million) gain this year following a \$102 million loss in ongoing state funds during the recession. The state's goal of refilling the Rainy Day Fund to 3-4 times the pre-recession amount will be close to completion by the end of this year. Additionally, Dr. Gogue reported that the

legislature passed a reciprocity bill to allow universities to charge out of state online education on what the market will bear. He also reported that the threshold for requiring bids on contracting was increased from \$7,500 to \$15,000. Finally, Dr. Gogue reported that the legislature is again considering a change in the age of majority from 19 to 18 which would align with most other states.

b. Glenn Loughridge – Director, Campus Dining

- i. Glenn Loughridge provided an overview of the healthy dining options available on campus for staff, faculty and students. Venues highlighted included Plains to Plate which sources locally grown or locally made ingredients, updates to the Terrell Dining Hall, and a Chobani yogurt cart in the Student Center. Mr. Loughridge also promoted Campus Dining's partnership with Healthy Tigers to support National Walk at Lunch Day on April 30. He encouraged audience members to utilize the AU app to view menus with calorie counts for campus dining venues.

III. Comments from the Chair

- a. Bryan Elmore reported that the university is discussing the topic of staff/employee compensation during campus closures for those who are required to report to work. Mr. Elmore will communicate more information to the Assembly as the policy is solidified. Mr. Elmore reported that he received a question from an A&P member regarding the benevolent fund option and is referring it to the Welfare Committee to look into. Additionally he updated attendees on the football ticket system which is slated to go into effect for the 2014 season; however, this may change. Mr. Elmore will keep the Assembly updated. He also reported that he and Chair-Elect, Ashley Hamberlin, met with the Budget Advisory Committee and will have an idea of the FY15 budget at the next Assembly meeting.

IV. Executive Committee Report

- a. Ashley Hamberlin reported that at the previous Executive Committee meeting, members discussed speakers for the April Assembly meeting, voting on the proposed constitutional amendments and the 2014-2015 Executive Committee, future options for online voting and potential redistribution of units with the goal of more even representation. The next A&P Assembly meeting will be May 14 in the Athletic Complex.

V. New Business

a. Constitutional Amendments Vote

The vote was tabled during the February A&P Assembly meeting to allow more time to notify A&P members of the impending vote. A three-quarters majority is required from the A&P members present to pass an amendment.

- i. Amendment I – Addresses committee attendance
No comments or questions were received from the floor. Amendment passed with a vote of 34/1.

- ii. Amendment II – Removes the Calendars and Schedules Committee and reassigns existing members to other A&P committees
Audience member, Harriett Huggins, commented that she was opposed to the removal of the committee and rather than removing it, would like to see a requirement be added that at least one member is also a member of the Advisor's Caucus. Audience member, Dorothy Cordell, asked why the committee was being removed. Assembly member and chair of the Calendar & Schedules Committee, Robert Kulick, responded that the committee didn't have a clear purpose because they did not have representation on the university Calendar and Schedules committee. Ms. Cordell, proposed the idea of keeping the committee but including the A&P Assembly secretary and an Advisor's Caucus member. Audience member, Deb Enebak, commented that in previous years the Calendar & Schedules committee didn't understand the need to meet if not represented on the university Calendar & Schedules Committee. Amendment passed with a vote of 30/3.
- iii. Amendment III – Adds secretary to the university Calendar & Schedules Committee
No comments or questions were received from the floor. Amendment passed with a vote of 33/0.

b. Executive Committee Elections

- i. The Assembly members present voted on the 2014-2015 Executive Committee. Terms for newly elected members will begin July 1, 2014.
Chair-Elect: Nominees were Vic Walker, Cathy Pate, and Wiebke Kuhn. A runoff was held between Vic Walker and Wiebke Kuhn. Chair-Elect for 2014-2015 is Vic Walker.
Secretary: Nominees were Meaghan Weir and Rob Kulick. Secretary for 2014-2015 is Meaghan Weir.
At-Large Members: Nominees were David Benjamin, Timothy Jones, Cathy Pate, Rob Kulick, Bob Holm, and Karen Rankin. At-Large Members for 2014-2015 are Timothy Jones, Rob Kulick and Cathy Pate.

VI. Open Forum
No Comments

VII. Adjourn
4:34 pm