

## **Administrative & Professional Assembly**

**Location: OIT Building, Room 103**

**December 02, 2015 at 3 pm**

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

### **I. Roll Call**

**Present:** Kirk Kreamer, Joy Vrbka, Josh Conradson, Mark Bransby, Laurel Hendrix, Steve Glennon, Frank Oprandy, Bre Aunna McKenzie, Laurie Newton, Paula Davis, Lawrence Hamberlin, Tim Blackmon, Robert Holm, Tyler Adams, Katie Lee, Vic Walker, Karen Rankin, Ashley Hamberlin, Jeanie Harry

**Absent:** John Heck, Meaghan Weir, Robert Kulick, Stephen Gulley, Timothy Jones

### **II. Approval of Minutes from October meeting**

Minutes were sent out late; voted to read after meeting and send corrections/approval by email to Vic

### **III. Speakers**

#### **a. Clint Myers - AU Women's Softball Coach**

- i. Clint was introduced by Vic and thanked the assembly for the invitation to come and speak. It was a year of firsts for the softball team. They achieved their goal of competing in the College of World Series and were only 1 game short of winning the national championship. In a recap of the season: won the SEC in trademark fashion, 1<sup>st</sup> time in school history won a regional and super-regional game to get to the College World Series. Fans were unbelievable! Football-like atmosphere at games. Clint was very proud of what they accomplished. He has over 40 yrs. of coaching experience. Just watching the kid's faces was great. They believed; should have beaten Florida. Crowd gathered to welcome team back from CWS very unexpected but nice.

Two new pitchers will be coming in; one from California throws 68-70 miles per hr., 3 pitchers coming back, pitching is strength of team. Three team members are All American. Casey Cooper has been ask to try out for Olympic team. She is the 1<sup>st</sup> AU player to be selected. There are some injuries @ short stop position. Practice starts 01/08/16. Spring training (hell week) is 5 days of solid training. Huge emphasis on academics. Players sign agreement for scholarship. All recruits are told they are more important as people than players. They learn both in the classroom and on the field. Team is community-based; involved in projects to serve the community. If you have a project the girls could help with let him (Clint) know.

- ii. Questions:

Q: What changes are taking place to softball stadium? Improvements made with emphasis on selling tickets; 1,103 seats available now (chairbacks with cupholders), 600 additional seats being added down 1<sup>st</sup> base side and 300 additional seats being added

down 3rd base side. New concessions stands via vendor trucks, new bathrooms also being added, moved the fences and added bounce houses, etc. Want families to come to games. Athletic dept spending money to make games an exciting family experience. Approximately 1,480 season ticket holders now; some seats still available though. Practices are open to public.

Clint introduced his wife Katy who came with him to the meeting. He invited everyone out to watch the team play. And said thanks again for the invitation to come speak. And also thanked AU for giving him the opportunity to coach with his 2 sons. Loves his job because of AU people.

**b. Walker Byrd - SGA President**

- i. SGA is partnering with student council for addressing mental health issues for AU. Prevailing issue @ collegiate level; 11 students have taken their lives. People don't know much about this issue, stigma attached. Working to improve access to mental health resources on campus. Need to be proactive and not reactive. 22 focus groups created – unbelievable academic pressures on students. Prevailing themes: anxiety/stress, suicide, eating disorders, depression, risky behaviors (legal & illegal drugs, promiscuous sex, etc.) Barriers to seeking help: stigma, pride, denial, accessibility & fear of telling parents. Where do we go from here: greater accessibility needed, normalize mental health issues, increase education and promotion of mental health week.

Q: Accessibility issues – getting the word out to students; 11 full time counselors now, should have 20-25 counselors per student population.

Q: Any counselors @ library? Was not aware if so.

Q: Date for Mental Health Week – need dates & times to be worked out; maybe last week in Febr. or 1<sup>st</sup> week in March; will let us know.

**IV. Comments from the Chair**

- a. Vic Walker: Thanked the speakers.

**V. Executive Committee Report**

- a. Vic Walker : Expressed A&P Assembly's interest in participating in Mental Health Week. The executive committee decided to appoint audit members to existing committees; no ad hoc members. Topics to cover in committees: sick leave bank, mental health issue and child care – welfare committee; tuition benefits – development committee; publicity – nominations committee. Vic will meet with each of the chairs and will suggest a year-end review in order for members to know the accomplishments of each group and knowing history of issues will help to avoid rehashing of certain issues.

**VI. New Business or Old Business**

- a. Update on bike share program – bikes are in U.S; goal is to be ready to go is 01/13/16; 75 bikes equipped with GPS devices. Will also offer electric chargers for anyone on campus driving electric cars. Athletic dept. giving one electric charger to Parking Services. FLSA changes: 1,000 employees status may change; these employees currently eligible for A parking now may be changed to B parking. Might just establish employee parking; maybe pay for employee preferred parking similar to student option.

Q: How well did ticket credit for food donation program work? Don Andrae said 35 students took advantage of program. A suggestion for next year – Parking Services need bin for cans of donated food. di

**VII. Open Forum – No response**

- VIII. Adjourn – Vic announced next meeting date is scheduled for 02/10/16 and wished all Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas! Meeting adjourned @ 4:05 pm.