



Minutes
A&P Assembly Meeting
Bailey Small Animal Teaching Hospital - Room 2320
Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.

Call to Order: 3:02 P.M.

I. Roll Call:

Present: Brooke Patton, John Heck, Joy Vrbka, Josh Conradson, Amanda Malone, Claire Wilson, Mark Bransby, Tim Blackmon, Shelly Nemeroff, Steve Glennon, Mike Stover, Bre Aunna McKenzie, Robert Kulick, Stephen Gulley, Paula Davis, Jeanie Harry, Robert Holm, Tyler Adams, Katie Lee, Lawrence Hamberlin, Timothy Jones, Vick Walker, Amy Carbajal

Absent: Angela Chandler

II. Approval of Minutes from the February meeting

- a. Misspelling of “university’s” was corrected.
- b. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Bransby and seconded by Ms. Davis. The motion passed on a voice vote.

III. Speakers

- a. Dr. Jay Gogue, Auburn University President.
 - Dr. Gogue shared comical parts of emails that he has received throughout the years. Some were paired so that each pair asked the president to take two polar opposite courses of action (e.g. raise admission criteria and lower admission criteria). It illustrated that, you can never make everyone happy simultaneously.
 - He remarked that most of the enforcement (audit, compliance, financial) on campus falls to A&P employees. And often those enforcers get “fussed at” and are rarely appreciated. But ever year at the Board of Trustees meeting, when there have been no NCAA violations, no errors found in the Audit and compliance area. We are very glad that those people are there, doing their jobs, to make sure that the university doesn’t step outside the lines. Accidentally or otherwise.
 - He mentioned that the budget and Educational Trust fund had \$90M of income and normally about ~\$30M would go to higher education with \$60M going to K-12. K-12 will

still get their \$60M, but the \$30M will go to veteran's benefits. This will result in a flat budget for us.

- The budget advisory board has been meeting and the average 2% (range 0-6%) permanent increases are part of the recommendation as is the 2% (range 0-6%) one time supplement in December.
- After retiring he plans to head out to New Mexico for several months. This will allow the new president space to settle in. The Gogues do plan to stay in Auburn and Dr. Gogue is willing to continue to be a part of the Auburn family by way of teaching a higher ed. administration course and lending advice where requested.
- He commented that the new president comes from a strong research background. So expect research to be a high priority.
- Turning to return on investment for higher education, Dr. Gogue shared that for every day that a student attends college, they make an average of \$2,500 more over their lifetime. College graduates also volunteer and give back in their communities that those that don't graduate college. So, attending for a week, will earn you enough over your lifetime to pay for one semester of tuition.
- When asked what events stand out for him from the last 10 years, he mentioned that the good times are easy to identify, but the passing of students are the toughest. On average, Auburn loses 1 student a month, and every time it happens, it is so tough to know what to say to the grieving loved ones.

b. Dr. Bill Hutto – Director, AU Regional Airport

- Dr. Hutto updated the assembly about changes at the airport and with the aviation program.
- Auburn's aviation program dates all the way back to 1910 when we started offering classes related to aviation. Auburn took over the airport facility in 1939.
- The academic programs, headed by Dr. James Birdsong, are moving out of the College of Business and into the University College. One of the main reasons for the change is to get out from under the conflicts between aviation requirements and some of the accreditation requirements that are legitimate for other business degrees, but don't work well for the aviation program.
- For those that were not aware, the airport is a collaboration between Auburn University, The City of Auburn, The City of Opelika, and Lee County. An advisory board with representatives from all four organizations helps steer the changes out at the airport facility.
- Dr. Hutto shared several metrics regarding the airport's size, number of students served, number of flights, largest aircraft that can land, cargo operations, passenger operations, and game day.
- Bill shared that on game days they do run a control tower, but that contract with FAA controllers is arranged in the spring and cost around \$5K per game. So when we are having a bad season and fans are not flying in for games, it can end badly for revenues.

- Bill reviewed recent and planned improvements at the airport including the new terminal building, new education facility, additional hangers, additional taxiways, and new maintenance building and new electrical on the runways.
- Some of the funding comes from local partnerships, state funds, other comes from the FAA. Bill says he always has a project ready if FAA money comes available.

IV. Comments from Chair

- a. Hardship Fund
 - Welfare Committee leadership met with Kelli Shomaker, CFO; Amy Douglas, Controller; Ann Shore, HR to finalize this policy. There will probably be another meeting with Dr. Large to polish it up before it goes before the Board of Trustees, hopefully and their June meeting.
 - From there the focus will shift to funding, mainly through the faculty staff campaign. Because the threshold for funding is about \$20K, this may take a while before distributions can begin.
- b. Presidential Fellowship
 - Under the advisement of Dr. Gogue and Dr. Large, we have suspend the Presidential Fellowship, probably until next year.
 - The executive committee met with the new president last month, when he was announced and it became clear that he intends to have regular meetings with university leadership and that he plans on visiting departments regularly.
- c. Representative Elections
 - The nominations and elections committee sent out an email soliciting requests for nominations for representatives in places 2, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 18, as they are up for replacement. All current representatives are eligible for re-election as they are either replacements or finishing their first term.
- d. Barbasol Golf Championship
 - Mr. Kulick reminded attendees that the Barbasol Golf Championship is coming to Lee County/Opelika and volunteer opportunities abound.
 - There is a small fee to volunteer, but it is more than made up by the free swag, discounts, and meals provided.
 - Rob will send an email with more details.

V. Executive Committee Report

- a. Covered in the meeting

VI. New Business

- a. Executive Committee elections
 - Rob Kulick was elected to the Chair-elect position.
 - Mark Bransby was elected to the Secretary position
 - Rob Holm, Amanda Malone, and Tyler Adams were elected to At-Large Positions.

Adjourn: 4:02 P.M.