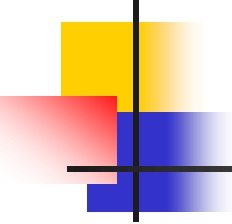




AU Senate Chair's Report

Dr. Bill Sauser

April 2, 2013



AU Senate and Faculty Officers for 2012-13

- Immediate Past Chair—Ann Beth Presley
- Chair—Bill Sauser
- Chair-Elect—Larry Crowley
- Future Chair-Elect—Patricia Duffy
- Secretary—Robin Jaffe
- Secretary-Elect—Judy Sheppard
- Future Secretary-Elect—Gisela Buschle-Diller
- Parliamentarian—Constance Hendricks
- Administrative Assistant—Laura Kloborg



SACS-COC Visit to AU

The SACS-COC visiting committee has come and gone, and we are anticipating a positive written report with a few recommendations for us to work on. I'd like to thank Drew Clark and his staff for coordinating the visit and all of the faculty who took the time to interview with the team and share their perspectives.



Research Week

Research Week is underway! This is a multi-day effort involving hundreds of faculty, students, and staff. Many thanks to those who have worked so hard to produce this magnificent showcase of our work in research.



Please Participate!

- The 2013 Faculty/Staff Campaign is now underway.
- Please participate by making a pledge or donation to the Auburn University Foundation.
- Our ultimate goal is 100% participation.
- Thanks to all who have volunteered to make this the most successful campaign ever.



Faculty Alert

The Auburn chapter of Students for Concealed Carry will hold an Empty Holster Protest on campus April 8-12 to raise awareness about firearms policies that restrict the right of self-defense for law abiding, legally licensed citizens. The event is held annually across campuses nationwide. In order to show that Auburn University's Firearm Policy leaves everyone on campus defenseless, the chapter is encouraging students, faculty and staff to wear an empty holster all week on campus. **Please do not keep anything in the holster, in order to avoid suspicion or cause concern for law enforcement.** More information about Students for Concealed Carry is available at this link. For questions or concerns, email shampdg@auburn.edu.



BoT Meeting on April 12

- The Board of Trustees will meet on April 12. All issues affecting faculty have been properly vetted by appropriate faculty committees.
- The President's Cabinet met this morning to review the agenda, which will be posted soon.
- The Budget Advisory Committee will meet tomorrow morning.
- Faculty are represented on the Cabinet, the Budget Advisory Committee, the Board of Trustees, and several BoT committees.



May and June Senate Meetings

- The AU Senate will meet on May 7 and June 4. Substantive action issues will not be offered for a vote, but reports will be heard and other business will be conducted.
- Senators are urged to attend these meetings, or to send an official substitute so we can have a quorum at each meeting.



Today's Agenda

- Today is “all business” as we seek to wrap up some important issues before the end of the semester.
- We have three constitutional amendments—all affecting Senate Committees—on our action agenda that will require 58 votes to pass, since our constitution requires 2/3 affirmative votes from the entire Senate to pass an amendment.



Today's Agenda (Cont'd)

- In addition we have resolutions from the Academic Standards Committee, the Teaching Effectiveness Committee, the Faculty Handbook Committee, and Dr. Goldstein. If a quorum of the Senate (44 members) is present, all of these resolutions require a simple majority to pass.
- Dr. Goldstein's resolution—which has already been seconded—will apply (if adopted) to **whatever version** of the Faculty Handbook is in effect.