



AU Senate Chair's Report

Dr. Bill Sauser
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AU Senate Officers for 2012-13

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



Representational Activity

- The Executive Committee meets with the Provost weekly.
- The Executive Committee meets with the President, Provost, and Executive Vice President monthly.
- Ann Beth represents you at Board of Trustees meetings.
- Larry represents you on the search committee for Dean of the Veterinary College.
- Robin represents you on the Central Classroom Facility committee.
- Bill represents you on the Executive Facilities and Campus Master Plan Update committees.
- Bill also represents you at meetings of the President's and Provost's direct reports.
- All of us represented you this morning during the Presidential Assessment process.



Current Activity

- The Rules Committee is busy finalizing committee appointments, and the Steering Committee and I are working to get chairs and charges finalized for all Senate Committees.
- We have been in negotiations with the President and Provost to establish an Administrator Hiring Policy (based on the one passed by the Senate on 10/02/07 but never officially adopted). You have seen a statement from the Provost regarding his position. Expect in September a matter of pending action regarding this resolution, to be voted on in October.



Current Activity (continued)

- We are seeking clarification (with assistance from the Business Office) of several issues relating to employee pay and benefits, and plan to have an informational report to you at our next meeting.
- We are **acutely** aware of parking issues on the campus and will continue to bring those to the attention of the administration.



AU Senate Priorities, 2012-13

1. Maintain a productive working relationship with the Administration and Board of Trustees.
2. Accomplish AU's SACS-COC accreditation reaffirmation.
3. Participate actively in Dr. Gogue's strategic priorities and planning process.
4. Help shape the updating of the AU Campus Master Plan.
5. Foster student success and retention.
6. Complete the revision of the AU Faculty Handbook.
7. Strengthen the role of Senate and University committees in the governance process.
8. Improve the total compensation package for AU employees.
9. Provide guidance in producing the Central Classroom Facility.
10. Establish a Performing Arts Center as an AU priority.