



# AU Senate Chair's Report

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Dr. Bill Sauser  
January 15, 2013



# Happy 2013!

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The officers of the AU Senate  
wish you a very happy  
and productive new year.



# AU Senate Officers for 2012-13

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- 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



# Notes on the Agenda

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- All AU Senate committee members must be endorsed by the Senate; that is why we bring forward almost every month a few replacement faculty members to consider.
- The change in membership of the University Writing Committee is a “housekeeping” matter, but since it requires an amendment to the Senate Constitution we are bringing it forward this month for a vote.



# Notes on the Agenda (Continued)

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- We are bringing forward today as an item for pending action a similar resolution to revise the membership of the Teaching Effectiveness Committee. This would also be a constitutional amendment, and we will vote on it next month.
- The major item of action today regards **early alert grades for students taking core courses** to be posted one week prior to midterm. This effort to aid student academic success and retention has been endorsed unanimously by the Steering Committee. Please vote your conscience.



# Notes on the Agenda (Continued)

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The three presentations scheduled for today are worth your attention. They relate to:

- Emergency Management
- Research Week
- The Priority Point System for Faculty  
Tickets to Intercollegiate Athletics Events



# Items of Information

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- Our Ombudsperson, Dr. Jim Wohl, has accepted a similar position at another university. We appreciate his good work and wish him well. Dr. Emmett Winn is chairing a national search for a new Ombudsperson.



## Items of Information (Cont'd)

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- I am in the process of appointing a nominating committee to bring forth candidates for chair-elect and secretary elect (to be voted on in March). If you are interested in serving on this committee and/or running for one of the offices please let me know.



## Items of Information (Cont'd)

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- The SACS-COC visiting committee chair, Dr. David Hager, will be on campus January 24 and 25. Dr. Crowley and I will meet with him as your representatives.
- OIT has issued an advisory regarding Java. If you use Java, please heed the advisory.



## Items of Information (Cont'd)

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- On your behalf, we have voiced a concern about a lack of diversity among the 17 remaining candidates for the two open BoT positions.
- Seven PIL applications were reviewed by the Executive Committee. We recommended funding all seven to a maximum of \$10,000.



# Items of Information (Cont'd)

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- The Higher Education Partnership for Alabama has advised us that voting for the two incumbents in the TRS board runoff is in our best interest. Please vote your conscience.
- Representatives of the AU Senate will be attending all 12 off-campus strategic planning sessions scheduled as part of this broad-based effort.



## Items of Information (Cont'd)

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- As per newly-adopted AU policy, the provost advised us of the need for an exception to the Administrator Hiring Guidelines for the search for an associate dean in the College of Veterinary Medicine to allow Dr. Dan Givens to be a candidate. The Executive Committee agreed with the wisdom of granting this exception.