



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



“Grass Roots” Shared Governance

- Lots of departmental, school and college, university, and Senate committees at work throughout campus
- Hundreds of faculty members involved in this important service work
- Many important decisions are made by these committees every month
- Your elected officers each serve on a number of these committees



September Meetings: Observations and Impressions

- 09/06 Cabinet Meeting—Focus: Make certain BoT agenda was in good shape
- 09/06 CoA Senators/Committee Members Luncheon—Great idea! Thanks Dean Batchelor; good sounding board
- 09/06 Provost's Council Meeting—Deans and other direct reports meet monthly
- 09/06 Senate Executive Committee—Meets twice per month with Provost



September Meetings: Observations and Impressions

- 09/10 Senate Executive Comm. meeting with Drs. Gogue, Boosinger, Large—very frank monthly discussions
- 09/10 President's Administrative Meeting—Weekly briefings for campus leaders (also 9/17 and 9/24)
- 09/11 Provost's Open Forum on the Central Classroom Facility—Excellent!
- 09/11 AU Senate meeting



September Meetings: Observations and Impressions

- 09/13 Senate Steering Comm. meets twice per month to set Senate agenda and preview Senate presentations (also 09/20)
- 09/20 BoT Finance Comm. workshop—Best BoT interaction I've seen in 35 years at AU
- 09/21 BoT meeting—Brief and to the point. Budget passed! Good presentations.
- 09/26 Administrative Review Team meeting—Effort to ensure a fair and comprehensive 360-degree review



September Meetings: Observations and Impressions

- 09/26 Academic Affairs Comm. meets frequently to deal with “nitty gritty” issues
Tiger Advisor program is now operational
- 09/27 Master Plan Update Comm.—Broad-based group; Sasaki Associates adds value
- 09/27 Executive Facilities Comm.—Seeking to ensure that all land on AU campus is being used optimally; part of master planning effort



Reminders

- Read (or at least scan) “AU Daily”...daily! It is our campus diary; much is happening
- October 9 General Faculty meeting—“State of the University”; Drs. Gogue, Boosinger, Large, Mr. King will present brief reports and respond to questions
- Campus United Way campaign is underway and Dr. John Mason is Honorary Chair