

OCT Staff Assembly meeting minutes, 04/14/2016

- New officer took promotional photographs
- Welcome with introduction of new officers:
 - President-Allyson Holliday
 - President elect-Jessica Richardson
 - Secretary-Marina Klarić
 - Treasurer-Lacee Nisbett
- Guest Speakers:
 - Monika Watkins-UA Arboretum Director-After short personal introduction, she has talked about the current improvements and the mission for the Arboretum (scientific institution that engages in teaching, research and service). Here is the link for their website:
<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwiOqb-kgJHMAhWGRSYKHWaKDikQFggdMAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Farboretum.ua.edu%2F&usg=AFQjCNG5q8BDyHT0mzr HExZkpWlYx611A&sig2=fQIN8Nx7hpg3ciSak8zXhA>
 - Dr. Margaret Purcell-Executive Director of Resiliency Initiative-Program designed to help students to adapt to stressful situations in their life. Pdf for the presentation is here:
https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwiK1IT4gpHMAhVku4MKHTMODNgQFggcMAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fpsa.ua.edu%2Fuploads%2F%2F3%2F8%2F0%2F23800495%2Fresiliency_initiative_exec_summary_greek_rise.pdf&usg=AFQjCNH501aa4JL_lj-cqrLNTkNwlbBPEw&sig2=DaFRICJaRafYix1C2sezgQ
- Report on Strategic Planning Committee/Employee Life Subcommittee: Report is still in editing stage.
- UA Standing Committee reports:
 - *Committee on Committees-Anita Davidson:* Not present at the Assembly meeting.
 - *Campus Master Plan-Allyson Holliday:* Discussed growth of Campus to the north side; how to preserve old campus; discussion on building the overpass over the railroad tracks.
 - *Safety and Security-Anita Davidson:* Not present at the Assembly meeting.
 - *Equal Opportunity-Kimberly Dailey:* Not present at the Assembly meeting.

- *Faculty and Staff Benefits-Marina Klarić*: Teresa Faulkner, HR Development, presented the new web site for the Online Learning Resources, link is here: http://hrspark.ua.edu/Online_Learning.html
- *Undergraduate Programs-Stephanie Holcomb*: Not present at the Assembly meeting.
- *International Education-Cyndi Elliot*: Not present at the Assembly meeting.
- *Libraries-Allyson Holliday*: Meeting with new Dean of Libraries; discussion about expansion of Gorgas Library.
- *Parking and Transportation-Kelli Smith*: Not present at the Assembly meeting.
- *Student & Campus Life-Jessie Richardson*: Discussion about traditions in the student's life coming to college. Also working on compiling a list of 31 things to do on campus before you graduate, both academic and cultural.
- *Student Health-Dianne Gilbert*: Dr. Garner has shared with the committee that Student Health center has seen 9% increase in students seen at the center.
- *University Recreation-Marina Klarić*: Committee has toured of the Aquatic Center, and discussed about daily challenges in maintaining the building due to the age. Original building was built in the 1950s and the addition in the 1980s. Uncertainty about the future of the facility.
- *Information Technology-Lacee Nisbett*: Did not meet.
- *Intercollegiate Athletics-Dianne Gilbert*: Justin Brant gave an overview of Crimson Tide Productions with a tour of the facility.
- Committee reports:
 - *Service and Outreach*: To bring more items for the Alabama Reach pantry.
 - *Staff Life*: Meeting next week.
 - *Communication and Public Relations*: Received the table banner; working on a newsletter.
 - *Professional Development*: May 12, 2016 at Gorgas Library room 205 is OCT Award Ceremony.