



THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA®
Office, Clerical & Technical Staff Assembly

OCTSA AGENDA – please bring canned goods for BABH

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

3:00 pm - room 110 AIME building

1. Welcome
2. UA Veteran & Military Affairs – Alex Bynum, Asst. Director
 - a. UA has 595 veterans and 443 service members—Veteran & Military affairs gives out about \$5k each year in emergency loans; voted number 2 in the nation for veteran-friendly colleges/universities
 - b. Veterans 5k Run will be November 5—cost is \$20 to register with 90% of proceeds going to UA veterans and 10% going to SSCC veterans
 - c. Passed out flyer with events
 - Stadium will be lit 11/10 at 6 pm in honor of veterans
 - Veterans Ceremony on 11/11 will be combined this year—UA, VA and Tuscaloosa city have partnered for one joint event. UA will have shuttles running at 9 am from Houser Hall to Veterans Memorial Park for those wishing to attend
3. Campus Pedestrian and Traffic Safety – Lt. Odom, UA Police Dept.
 - a. Bicycles—Alabama law recognizes bicycles as vehicles on a roadway and they are required to follow all vehicular laws like stop signs, yields, etc. They are not considered a vehicle when not in roadway (quad, sidewalks, etc.)
 - UAPD traffic unit is issuing traffic violations for cyclists, but usually give warnings for the first offense.

- b. Skateboards are allowed in bike lanes.
- c. Pedestrians—UAPD is not currently doing anything for pedestrian violations.
 - Crosswalks should be treated the same regardless of how they look—vehicles are required to stop for pedestrians as long as they observe that a pedestrian is making an effort to cross.

d. Questions:

- Bikes can claim an entire law (considered a vehicle under state law). Most will stay to the right of a lane to allow cars to pass, but it is fine for them to drive in the middle of a lane.
- Cyclists have right of way in a bike lane. Example—you are in a vehicle at a light to turn right and there is also a bike lane. When the light is green, the bike has right of way first. This does not mean that a bike can overcome the vehicle if the vehicle is already in process of turning.
- Cyclists leaving the scene of an accident is considered a hit and run.
- Cyclists do not need a driver's license even though they must follow the rules of the road. Bike owners are encouraged to register their bikes through Parking—about 1400 registered.
- Exploring options through the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) for bike violations. None at this time other than a traffic violation for students in roadway.

4. Parking & Transportation Services – Chris D'Esposito, Director

- a. Bicycles—there are 435 bike racks on campus with about 3500 bikes here at any given time. Illegal bike parking has improved over the last few years, still have issue with bike abandonment. All new roads/repaved roads will have bike lanes, city has committed to do so as well through campus.
- b. Vehicles—Issue over 50k parking tickets per year. Reviewing traffic studies to look at lights throughout campus. Working with the city for the light at Manderson Landing.
- c. Pedestrians—Dr. Bell has commissioned MIS students to create an app for students to be alerted when they approach a crosswalk or enter a roadway.
- d. Questions:
 - Issue with Ferguson parking lot—will look at additional lanes to speed exit (if feasible).

- Easy streets were discussed during Strategic Planning—these are still a possibility. Streets would be shut down except to f/s, state vehicles, etc. during certain times of the day.
- Upcoming parking deck projects: Moody will be called the Capstone parking deck with 1000 spots. Tutwiler parking deck will have 1500 spots.
- Parking spent about \$2M this past summer on 8 existing parking structures and all paving on campus—parking permit rates will continue to rise. Free parking is available downtown with the Tuscaloosa Trolley.

5. Committee reports:

a. Staff Life

- Looking at time off for volunteer activities and an online community for faculty/staff across campus.

b. Service/Outreach

- Continue to bring canned goods for Beat Auburn, Beat Hunger (BABH) food drive—ends November 16.
- OCTSA will participate in a chili cook off to benefit local charities—more details coming soon.

c. Communications & PR

- Need staff to like/follow our social media—be sure to share as well!
- November 15 is staff resource fair—need 2 people at the table at all times, will ask for volunteers
- Creating a year in review for OCTSA instead of a monthly newsletter. Please help by taking pictures at our events.

d. Professional Development

- Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday from 3 to 4 in Russell if any new members would like to join.
- Working to identify ways to share OCTSA updates with all areas
- Outstanding Staff Awards scheduled for May 9 at 3 pm in Gorgas 205—looking at speaker selection now.

6. Standing Committee reports

- a. Committee on University Committees – Kerri Heritage—no update
- b. Campus Master Plan – Allyson Holliday

- a. First meeting was a board recommendation on repurposing old buildings and relocating departments within campus.
- b. Discussed addition of easy streets.
- c. Safety and Security – Jennifer Thomas
 - a. Focused on pedestrian safety; reviewing emergency guide; discussed “See Something, Say Something” campaign; active shooter training is available through UAPD; committee would like to draft policy for emergencies
- d. Equal Opportunity – Kimberly Dailey—no update
- e. Faculty and Staff Benefits – Marina Klarić—absent
 - a. First meeting was just planning; health insurance premiums will be increasing this year—look for more information from HR soon
- f. International Education – Cyndi Elliot—absent
- g. Libraries – Allyson Holliday
 - a. Strategic planning—hired space planning and renovation firm to guide them through this process
- h. Parking and Transportation – Jessica Richardson
 - a. Transportation updates:
 - i. Routes updated with the addition of the north commuter rocket, soccer lot rocket and bronze; shortened blue and green routes; both silver routes were expanded
 - ii. New hours are 7 am to 9 pm then 348-RIDE from 9 pm to 7 am as the on-call service—new app for this service, more uber-like
 - iii. Several shuttles on Sunday from 1 to 6 pm for shopping; downtown express shuttles on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Apartment shuttles extended from 7 am to 9 pm servicing 8 complexes
 - b. Event management updates:
 - i. Increased security presence and more limited access to areas immediately surrounding the stadium on home game days; clear bag policy at stadium.
 - ii. Buses utilizing Peter Bryce Road; alcohol-free tailgate and kids activities in that area too
 - c. Parking updates:
 - i. All Bryce campus roads now accessible

- ii. Multi-space pay stations added outside the transit deck and the last row of the Recreation Center's parking lot—1st half hour is free, 1st hour is \$2 and then \$1 for every hour thereafter
 - iii. Ride Amigos is a ride share program with UA students, faculty and staff—24 people signed up so far, anticipate more as holiday breaks approach
 - i. Student and Campus Life – Jessica Richardson
 - a. Last year:
 - i. Diversity survey was not released due to all the strategic planning initiatives taking place
 - ii. 31 things to do before graduation—looking at University traditions/experiences on or around campus that students should do
 - b. This year:
 - i. Continue with 31 things to do before graduation—look at categories, documenting those experiences, incentives to complete, etc.
 - ii. Review grounds use permit and make recommendations for changes
 - j. Student Health – Dianne Gilbert—no meeting yet
 - k. Undergraduate Programs – Sonia Potter—no meeting yet
 - l. University Recreation – Marina Klarić—absent
 - m. Information Technology – Lacey Nisbett—absent
 - n. Intercollegiate Athletics – Todd Hester—no update
 - o. Professional Staff Assembly – still need OCTSA representative to attend these meetings.
 - a. Meeting is the 3rd Thursday at 3:30 in Bryant Hall 247

7. New/Other business

- a. Vote on acceptance of new members next meeting—need more members in attendance

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING IS NOVEMBER 8, 2016