



**ASSEMBLY MEETING
August 8, 2013**

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Sherry Phillips, President.

Roll Call: Roll was taken via sign-in. 20 representatives and 4 alternates were present for the General Assembly meeting.

Alabama Reach (Jameka Hartley):

Sherry advised that Steering Committee had voted to adopt Alabama Reach for 2013/2014 as a service outreach for OCT.

Jameka Hartley shared with the group their role in providing educational support to Foster/Adopted/Alternative living arrangement youth who do not have parental support and are at UA on their own initiative. There are 27 active foster youth at UA. Alabama Reach offers life skills, mentoring, book scholarships, emergency funds, cultural activities, food and school supplies to these young people who have needs. Less than 2 % of these students graduate with a B.S. degree.

Alabama Reach works with these students to perform one community service project per semester. Training is available to help others understand the foster program and how one can be involved. Alabama Reach will accept gas cards, food donations, and financial resources to help these students with current needs. They are also looking for Host Families to house these students during school breaks when residence halls are closed.

For more information you may visit <http://reach.ua.edu>.

Minutes Approved from May 9, 2013:

- A motion was made to approve the May 9, 2013 minutes as emailed to all assembly members. The motion was seconded. The assembly unanimously approved the Minutes.

Announcements (Sherry Phillips):

Sherry advised

- We will have an OCTSA listing of officers with public telephone numbers in the Directory.
- Staff Resource Fair for OCT Staff members on November 12, 2013 from 11:00-2:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room (Ferguson). Staff will be on hand to answer questions.
- Fall Faculty/Staff Meeting will be November 13, 2013 in the Rast Room of the Bryant Conference Center.

Carolyn Fulmer gave the Treasurer's Report: The annual OCTSA budget is \$2,000. To date, OCTSA has spent \$735.13 with a remaining balance of \$1,264.87.

UA Standing Committees Report:

Student Health: No report

Parking: No report

Intercollegiate Athletics: no report

Rec Center: No report
Faculty Staff Benefits: No report.

OCTSA Committee Reports:

Service/Outreach Committee-

- Met with Jameka Hartley to discuss needs of Alabama Reach. We are collecting school and office supplies and toiletries. Please encourage those in your departments to contribute and possibly provide book scholarships for these foster students.

Staff Life Committee-

- Dee reported that PSA did not join us on the Parking Proposal. Much discussion on the issue of parking and many feel we should proceed with this issue with or without other groups on campus to support us. It was mentioned that Steve Miller, President of the Faculty Senate be contacted to seek their support on this issue. Heath Nails volunteered to approach Chris D'esposito, who is associate director for Transportation Services, with our proposal and ask for any help that they may be able to provide to lower salaried staff.

Professional Development Committee-

- Leslie has reserved 205 Gorgas for May 8, 2014 for the second annual outstanding OCT award. She did advise that we may need to look for an alternate place due to possible construction on the Library.

Communications & Public Relations Committee-

- Vivian presented our OCTSA brochure. Human Resources will add to their Orientation packets given to new employees. They distribute about 40-60 packets per month. We will need to print about 720 brochures. Everyone was pleased with the brochure!

In Closing:

Sherry encouraged assembly members to sign up for UA Standing Committees so that we could be more involved on campus. Also this would help assembly members to not be overloaded with attending several committee meetings each month if we had more participation from the whole group.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2013.