



ASSEMBLY MEETING May 10th, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Allyson Holliday, President.

Roll Call: Roll was taken via sign-in. Twenty-nine members were present for General Assembly meeting.

President: Allyson Holliday

- Introduced PSA Committee Co-Chairs in attendance (Julie Elmore, Jackie Howell, and Rachel Frazier).

PSA Service and Outreach Chair: Julie Elmore

- Background of PSA- started working on creating in 2002 from the Campus Life Committee, in 2004 the Professional Staff Assembly was named and meetings started.
- Your organization is what you make it.
- Gave list of the existing PSA Committees, they have found that co-chairs work better than one chairperson.
- Annual outreach events are the Brewer Porch fundraiser, coat drive for Temp Emergency Svcs. They have also started a used cell phone drive for Women's Resource Center, book drive for Friends of the Library book store, and art supplies, etc. for Caring Days.
- They would like to see the PSA, Faculty Senate and OCT work together and make a greater impact.

PSA Staff Life: Julie Elmore

- This committee works with salaries and benefits. Most info is gathered through surveys. They then talk to HR about the top issues. Currently they are working on childcare. This is another area where we could work together.

PSA Communication & Public Relations: Jackie Howell

- Responsible for facilitating timely communication between committees and all professional staff. They send out one newsletter per semester, utilize Twitter, the PSA website and Facebook accounts. They also make sure that UA is publishing dates of meetings, etc.

PSA Professional Development: Rachel Frazier

- Goal is to improve professional development and provide training opportunities. They identify needs through surveys. They have increased the number of training opportunities available and this year coordinated WordPress training. Most of the training opportunities are for all of staff and not just professional staff.

- They also facilitate the Outstanding Professional Award. They obtain funds and sponsors for the award and this year the recipients are receiving a 1 year UA Rec Center membership and a Bama Dining meal card.
(Most PSA committees have 7-12 members and some handle their meetings through emails.)

President: Allyson Holliday

- Met with the presidents of the Faculty Senate, PSA, OCTSA and SGA this past week. The focus was on childcare.

UA Standing Committees Update:

Faculty Staff Benefits-

- The committee is having a subcommittee look at childcare benefits.
- There is a plan for building an additional recreation center near where Rose Towers currently exists. There are also plans on tearing down the existing aquatic center and building a new one, though this is not yet scheduled.

Parking-

- The parking fees are increasing to \$225/yr due to people are parking correctly so revenues are down.
- They are also looking at making some spots in the Ferguson parking lot metered parking.

Faculty Senate Resolution (Smoke Free Campus):

- The PSA is also concerned on how this will be enforced. The SGA also does not agree with it as stands. The PSA and SGA would like to see the current polices enforced. There is also some administrative push back due to the cost of enforcing the resolution, but to have covered designated smoking areas would also be expensive.

April 21st Day of Service:

- Allyson was able to take a couple of pictures and she will have them posted to the OCTSA website.

UA Child Protection Policy:

- Allyson led attendees through the website PowerPoint training. There is a certification form located online that you can completed and turn in. It is located at <http://www.ua.edu/policies/Child%20Protection%20Policy%20Individual%20Certification.pdf>

Website Update: Nancy Boyd

- The framework is up and Nancy, Sheila Eady and Renae Sullivan received training on 5/3/12. The login/passwords were received on 5/9/12. A planning meeting is recommended so that items can get loaded onto the web pages.

Other:

- Renae Sullivan brought up that she was told, though not confirmed, that the post office located in the Ferguson Center has only been granted a one year lease extension, but will be closed after this. The student boxes will be operated by the University and there will

not be mail services. This is something that a committee could check into and elevate the negative impact this could have on faculty/staff.

Minutes Approved from April 19, 2012:

- A motion was made to approve the April 19, 2012 minutes as emailed to all assembly members. The motion was seconded. The assembly unanimously approved the minutes.

OCTSA Committees:

- Forms were handed out to representatives to return with choices for committee involvement.

Next Meeting: June 14th, 2012