**UNA Staff Senate**

Monday, June 20, 2016

Raburn Conference Room

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Call to Order – Senate President, Dr. Molly Vaughn, called the meeting to order at approximately 10 a.m. Members present and comprising a quorum were: Dr. Molly Vaughn, Dr. Kevin Jacques, Ms. Melissa Thornton, Ms. Haley Brink, Ms. Anita Holcombe, Mr. Jarrod Russell, Ms. Janet Jones, Mr. Thomas Tidmore, Ms. Salena Denton, Ms. Paula Hailey, Ms. Peggy Wingo as Proxy for Mr. Bobby Champagne, and Ms. Mary Daniel for Ms. Susan Hughes.
2. Introduction of Proxies and Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda – Dr. Jacques requested that a new item be added under New Business – Nomination of New Members as item (A2). Ms. Hailey made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted change, and Mr. Tidmore seconded. The motion carried.
4. A. Staff Senate President’s Report
5. Midpoint

Dr. Vaughn provided an update on the ongoing midpoint issue, stating that Dr. Kitts had met with Ms. Catherine White and Dr. Kevin Jacques regarding the potential funding for midpoint increases in the next budget. Dr. Kitts indicated that it was his priority to provide a campus-wide 3% COLA this year, and in order to do that, there would be no money provided for the staff salary plan.

1. Board Meeting
   1. The Board passed a resolution which requested a tuition increase for the 2016-17 academic year.
   2. Athletic ticket prices are set to increase this fall for all sports. Football is to be the most significant increase.
   3. The Board voted to make UNA a smoke-free campus, and to implement this change in stages which will provide counseling and support to members of the UNA community through the transition.
2. Unfinished Business
3. Review of Staff Senate Bylaws
4. Nomination of new members (8). The senate discussed the proposal to add eight new members to the senate in order to increase representation to accommodate the increase in the number of staff members since the membership was created. It was decided that Dr. Vaughn would draft the appropriate language and the change would be voted on through e-business.
5. Concerns regarding Assistant/Associate Vice Presidents in Senate membership – Dr. Jacques raised an issue regarding membership and the new Assistant/Associate VP positions which have been created since the inception of the senate. Although the Bylaws state that the president, the vice presidents, and deans would be excluded from membership, there was no language specifically prohibiting service by assistant/associate vice presidents because those positions did not exist when the bylaws were originally drafted, or during subsequent revisions. Dr. Vaughn agreed to draft languge for this change as well, and it will also be voted on through e-business.
6. New Business
7. Election of Vice President and Secretary – There were two nominees for the position of vice president: Melissa Thornton and Salena Denton. Dr. Jacques provided over voting by paper ballot, and Melissa Thornton was elected vice president. There was only one nominee for secretary: Ms. Kelly Ford. She was confirmed as secretary unanimously.
8. Special Parking Spaces – Dr. Vaughn discussed the possibility of reallocating one or two handicapped parking spaces on campus to be used for maternity spaces and/or disabled veterans spaces. Dr. Vaughn said she has already introduced this proposal to the president and to Chief Kevin Gillilan, and both are in favor. Facilities must be consulted before moving forward to determine if this reallocation will still allow for the required number of handicapped spaces on campus.
9. Discussions - none
10. Announcements – The next meeting will be Monday, July 11th at 10 a.m. in the Raburn Conference Room
11. Adjournment – 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Thornton