You are invited!

The Academic Program Analysis Task Force, Office of the President, and VPAA/Provost’s Office are sponsoring a Town Hall meeting on Monday, December 5th, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in GUC Banquet Hall B to give you an opportunity to offer feedback on the proposed metrics for our program analysis.

Our task force has been working to establish metrics for this analysis based on best practices from other universities and defining what best fits the needs for UNA’s programs. Recently, we met with each of the four college’s deans and department chairs so they could take an initial look at our draft metrics. We are still making adjustments, but will share the document with you a few days before the Town Hall.

We hope to see you at this important meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Open Invitation

We invite your feedback and stories to make the newsletter more beneficial to campus. Please send submissions with pictures to:

djohnson@una.edu.

Congratulations

At December’s end Ms. Celia Reynolds, Professor, Librarian, will draw her 37-year career in academic libraries to a close. An Arkansas native, Ms. Reynolds began her library career at Henderson State University, where she worked for 8 years before joining the UNA faculty. Over her 29 UNA years Celia has filled numerous roles: reference and instruction librarian, accreditation liaison, Phi Kappa Phi officer, presidential investiture leader, and more. She is particularly proud to have guided the University (with the help of many others) to a “perfect” (recommendation-free) reaffirmation of accreditation by SACSCOC, the University’s regional accreditor. Although she will miss daily interaction with her “UNA family,” Celia and her husband Sam look forward to more time for family and friends, travel, and new adventures.

Faculty Accomplishment

Dr. Lee Renfroe, Associate Professor, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, presented “Building a Worksite Wellness Program on a University Campus: Where to Begin”; “Creating Healthy Communities” and “All Alone…or Not? Mental Health on Campus” at the 2016 ASAHPERD Fall Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Renfroe presided over student led presentation by Darcy Hathcote and Logan Harwell “Avoiding the App Trap: Utilizing Health and Fitness Apps for a Healthy Lifestyle” and student led presentation by Staci Behel and Peyton Sheffield “Don’t Be a Butthead: Current Trends and Resources for Tobacco Prevention”.

Dr. Eric O’Neal, Associate Professor, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, presented “Developing Effective Hydration Strategies for Runners” at the 2016 ASAHPERD Fall Conference in Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. Jean Ann Helm Allen, Assistant Professor, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, presented “Integrating the Curriculum” and “Movement in the Classroom: Collaboration Using Literacy” at the 2016 ASAHPERD Fall Conference in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Patrick Shremshock, Adjunct Faculty, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, presented “Adventure Education Experiences and Life Effectiveness” and “Effective Teambuilding Skills and Debriefing Methods” at the 2016 ASAHPERD Fall Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Shremshock was awarded 2016 Recreation Professional of the Year at the conference.

New Faculty Bio

Dr. Jeff Cornelius has joined the UNA Department of Secondary Education as an Associate Professor of Instructional Leadership. He has been a part of the public education system with the Colbert County School District for the past 15 years serving as teacher, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent. Dr. Cornelius has over 12 years of administrative experience. He has completed the Alabama School Superintendent Certifications in curriculum, finance and law. He also holds a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Samford University (2005), as well as an Educational Specialist degree in Administration (2003). Dr. Cornelius holds a Master’s degree in Secondary Education with a science concentration from the University of North Alabama (2001), and a Bachelor’s degree from Mississippi State University (1997).