

**SHARED GOVERNANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 6, 2019
3:00 P.M., UNA BOARD ROOM**

The Shared Governance Executive Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2019, in the UNA Board Room. The following members were present: Mr. Bishop Alexander, Dr. Ross Alexander, Dr. Felecia Harris, Dr. Scott Infanger, Mr. Bret Jennings, Dr. Vicki Pierce, Dr. Lee Renfroe, Mr. Jarrod Russell, Mr. Evan Thornton, and Dr. Beth Sewell for Dr. Leah Whitten. Chairperson Amber Paulk presided.

Call of Meeting to Order

Dr. Paulk called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Dr. Harris and second by Dr. Renfroe, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of April 22, 2019

On motion by Mr. Bishop Alexander and second by Dr. Renfroe, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Report from the Chair

Dr. Paulk reported that she would share with the SGEC membership a summary list of all actions covered through shared governance this academic year.

Free Speech and Assembly Policy – Reconciliation of Differences

With SGA President Samuel Mashburn on speakerphone, the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and SGA Presidents agreed that a revised sentence in the proposed policy should reconcile the differences among the constituent groups, the statement of which has also received concurrence from Vice President for Student Affairs Kimberly Greenway and General Counsel Amber Fite-Morgan. The revised sentence reads as follows: Consistent with the mission of the University and in the spirit of academic inquiry, to dissent, to disagree with generally accepted truth and knowledge is acceptable. Dr. Renfroe made a motion and Dr. Infanger seconded the motion to approve the Free Speech and Assembly Policy containing the revised sentence. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request from Faculty Senate for an Extension on Revisions to Section 2.5.3 of Faculty Handbook – submission of promotion/tenure evaluation; Request from Faculty Senate for an Extension on Revisions to Section 2.5.3 of Faculty Handbook – incorporating Digital Measures into promotion/tenure policy

Mr. Russell made a motion and Dr. Infanger seconded the motion to grant an extension to the Faculty Senate to October 18 (45 working days from the start of the 2019 fall semester). The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposal from President Kitts for a European Union General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR) Task Force

Dr. Harris moved approval and Mr. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposal from Faculty Senate to Adjust the Staggered Terms of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Membership

Dr. Infanger moved approval and Dr. Renfroe seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Recommendations from Council of Academic Deans (COAD) for Shared Governance Committee Vacancies

Dr. Infanger moved approval as a slate and Dr. Harris seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Recommendations from the Student Government Association (SGA) for Shared Governance Committee Vacancies

Dr. Infanger moved approval as a slate and Mr. Bishop Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Recommendations from the Faculty Senate for Shared Governance Committee Vacancies

Dr. Infanger moved approval as a slate and Dr. Renfroe seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Announcement: Staff Senate Shared Governance Committee Vacancy Recommendations to be handled as E-Business

This announcement required no action from the Committee.

Revision to Shared Governance Document

On motion by Dr. Harris and second by Mr. Thornton, the following addition to the Shared Governance Document was approved unanimously: faculty and staff must have at least one year of service at the University before they are eligible to serve on shared governance committees.

Comments from Constituent Representatives

For the SGA, Samuel Mashburn reported that he is still working to secure an international student appointment for the International Programs/Offerings Committee. For the Staff Senate, Mr. Bishop Alexander reported that the Staff Senate shared governance committee nominations would be submitted following the May 13 meeting, and he announced that a forum would be held next week to reveal the revised staff evaluation process followed by workshops in June. For the Faculty Senate, Dr. Infanger reported that the final meeting of the semester occurred on May 2 where Laura Williams was elected as President Elect. For the Administration, Mr. Thornton reported that the state budget is with the House, and UNA's share is \$185,000 better after coming out of the Senate. Dr. Ross Alexander reported that Norton Auditorium will be renovated beginning this summer, and faculty promotions are being finalized to include Professor Merit increases and Senior Lecturer promotions.

Upon motion by Mr. Bishop Alexander and second by Dr. Renfroe, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Amber Paulk, Chairperson