

**SHARED GOVERNANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
3:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM**

The Shared Governance Executive Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020, via Zoom. The following members were present: Ms. Bliss Adkison, Dr. Ross Alexander, Mr. Tate Gooch, Dr. Andrea Hunt, Dr. Molly Mathis, Dr. Michelle Nelson, Dr. Sara Lynn Baird for Dr. Vicki Pierce, Dr. Terry Richardson, Mr. Jarrod Russell, Mr. Evan Thornton, and Dr. Laura Williams. Chairperson Leah Whitten presided.

Call of Meeting to Order

Dr. Whitten called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Dr. Richardson, second by Dr. Williams, and unanimous consent, the agenda was approved unanimously to include movement of the Faculty Senate Comments as the first item of new business.

Approval of Minutes of the E-Business of September 8, 2020

On motion by Dr. Richardson and second by Mr. Gooch, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Report from the Chair

Under the Chair's Report and by consensus, Dr. Whitten received confirmation that SGEC members are comfortable with conducting business on non-substantive agenda items via e-business as long as the items of business receive a motion, second, and discussion before the question is called for voting.

Request from the Faculty Senate for a 45-Day Extension to the Original Review Period for Consideration of the Sexual Misconduct Policy

During the report of the Faculty Senate President, Dr. Williams made the aforementioned request on behalf of the Faculty Senate to allow adequate time for Kayleigh Baker to conduct Town Hall Meetings to answer an array of questions from Faculty Senate representatives and faculty. Dr. Richardson moved approval and Dr. Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request from the University Research Committee to include the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs as a Non-Voting Member

Dr. Richardson made a motion and Dr. Nelson seconded the motion to recommend to President Kitts the expansion of the University Research Committee to include the Senior Vice

Provost for Academic Affairs as a non-voting member, effective with the 2021-2022 academic year. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request for Ph.D. in Exercise Science Students to Attend Two (2) SGEC Meetings per Academic Year

Dr. Richardson moved approval and Dr. Alexander seconded the motion, to become effective with the 2021 fall semester. The motion was approved unanimously.

Staff Senate Nomination for Replacement on Technologies Advisory Committee: Mitch Powell as the replacement for Leana Wilson (departure from UNA) as the staff representative from the Offices of Admissions/Registrar/Student Financial Aid to complete the remainder of her service term that expires in August 2022; Staff Senate Nomination for Replacement on the Academic and Students Affairs (ASA) Committee: Amy Thompson as the replacement for Oliva Bradford (departure from UNA) as the staff-at-large representative to complete the one remaining year on her original service term that expires in August 2021; Staff Senate Nomination for Replacement on the Research Committee: Molly Mathis as the replacement for Nathan Pitts (transfer to role of Senior Enrollment Management Analyst for Academic Affairs) as the staff representative from the Office of Institutional Research to complete the final year of his service term that expires in August 2021

Ms. Adkison made a motion and Dr. Richardson seconded the motion to recommend to President Kitts the aforementioned committee replacements. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposal to Include Revised Non-Discrimination Statement to Specific University Publications, including all Handbooks

Dr. Richardson made a motion and Dr. Hunt seconded the motion to return this proposal to the Originator (Dr. Kimberly Greenway) with a request that the reports of discrimination be outlined with a generic e-mail address rather than named individuals and that the location of the Student Complaint Process be detailed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Comments from Constituent Representatives

For the SGA, Mr. Gooch reported that at this week's meeting, SGA will review the Sexual Misconduct Policy and the Grants/Research Policies, Research Misconduct Policy, and Revised Patent Policy. For the Faculty Senate, Dr. Williams reported that due to a power outage, the Faculty Senate meeting of September 10 was recessed and reconvened on September 17 at which time three shared governance committee vacancies were approved, and several proposals were introduced that had been submitted for consideration. For the faculty, Dr. Richardson publicly thanked the Administration for its stellar efforts in making things work and steering the UNA ship through this tumultuous year. For the Staff Senate, Ms. Adkison reported that at its September 14 meeting, the Staff Senate approved the Sexual Misconduct Policy and the Grants/Research Policies, Research Misconduct Policy, and Revised Patent Policy; reviewed the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement and requested revisions from the Originator; and she announced that staff evaluations opened this past week with an October 15 due date. For the Administration, Dr. Alexander reported that as one of only 79 institutions, UNA had achieved

designation as a Great College to Work For in 2020 and had also achieved the highest ranking ever in U.S. News and World Report's ranking of Best Colleges. Additionally, Dr. Alexander provided an enrollment update and a summary of the September 17-18 Board of Trustees committees and Trustees meetings. Also, for the Administration, Mr. Thornton provided a summary of the 2020-2021 budget as approved by the Board of Trustees on September 18.

Dr. Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Nelson seconded the motion. With no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Dr. Leah S. Whitten, Chairperson