

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSEMBLY**

**ASSEMBLY MEETING
27 March 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Mark Foster, President.

Roll Call: The roll was called by Kristina Hopton-Jones, Secretary. 28 members were present at roll call. 2 members joined the assembly after roll call. Final members present: 30.

No quorum to approve minutes from January and February. Please send any changes needed to Kristina Hopton-Jones.

Officer/ Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Kim Diano

If you have any left-over invoices, please submit to Kim for payment.

Past-President: Ken Gaddy

No report.

Staff Life: Lynn Tobola

The Staff Life committee met before Spring Break. They did not have a quorum, so they discussed domestic partner benefits, and the PSA elections.

Service and Outreach: Josh Burford

The Service and Outreach committee is working with the Community Service Center on some projects for National Volunteer Week beginning April 14. The kick-off event will be in the Ferguson Plaza on April 14 from 11:30-2:00. Children from the black-belt will enjoy working with volunteers on crafts and art projects. Volunteers are needed! April 15th will be the Black Warrior River Clean-up day. The clean up begins at 4:00 to accommodate staff members. Everyone will meet at the Riverwalk on Jack Warner Parkway. The National Volunteer week will wrap-up on April 17 with a banquet. If you know of someone who should be nominated for outstanding service, please let Josh know. Volunteers will be recognized at the banquet.

Randy McCready shared information on the Museum of Natural History's new fall exhibit entitled, "Crimson Green: Think Globally, Act Locally". The exhibit will feature six components: land, water, air, global changes, and local action. The purpose of the exhibit is to generate awareness of environmental concerns and what is being done to address those concerns. There are many great programs happening at UA, but they are not widely known.

Adam Miller promoted the "Empty Bowl" event that will be this Saturday, March 29 at the University Presbyterian Church from 10:00-2:00. This event will raise funds and awareness about hunger. The minimum donation is \$10 (you are more than welcome to contribute more!). Please see www.uaupc.org for more information.

Professional Development: Jill Beville

The committee met on March 6 at 3:00 in the SRC. The committee spent some time reviewing the program that Dr. Mark Nelson presented on public speaking. The presentation was sponsored by the PSA Professional Development committee, and was well attended.

The next presentation will be given by Josh Burford on how staff members can effectively communicate with students through Face Book. This presentation will be at 2:00 in the Anderson Room at the Ferguson Center on April 24.

Teresa Faulkner, from HRD met with the group at the end of the meeting to discuss collaborating with the PSA on future programs.

Nominations and Elections:

Cali Davis spoke to Peter Pierre about PSA member concerns regarding terms of service and elections. Four staff members did not receive an instruction sheet through Campus Mail, and 1 person got the instructions after the election. There were 2 write in ties. Nominations and Elections will work on these issues with Assembly Operations in coming months.

Communications: Adam Miller

The committee met and created a set of recommendations for the coming year based on the year-end wrap-up information compiled.

Assembly Operations: Richard Livingston

The Assembly Operations committee met and discussed the two issues raised at the previous PSA general meeting. A suggestion regarding combining the OCT committee with the PSA was unanimously declined.

President: Mark Foster

Mark received word that the PSA was frozen on the UA Committee List. This proved to be an error, the Professional Staff Committee, predecessor to PSA, was on hold.

Mark reminded everyone that President Witt's address to the university faculty and staff will be next Wednesday, April 2. Mark and Cali will be recognized at this meeting, but the PSA President will not speak until the next address.

Mark expressed his appreciation for the support he received from the PSA during his presidency. For those of you who have worked with Mark from the beginning, he will miss the camaraderie.

Mark then introduced the 2008/2009 Professional Staff Assembly President, Dr. Cali Davis.

President: Cali Davis

Cali is happy for the opportunity to serve as the next PSA President. She is looking forward to next year's agenda items and discussion. The April meeting will be the election of officers.

New Business:

No reports were given by any PSA representative for other UA committees.

Domestic partners benefits will be discussed at the May meeting and possibly a vote on the issue. A member of the EEOC committee will be invited to speak on the issue as well as a representative to share information obtained on the issue by the LGBT organization working with UAB.

Announcements:

Steering Committee: 10 April, 3:00 p.m. Housing Conference Room

PSA General Meeting: 17 April 2008, 3:00 p.m. 247 Bryant Hall

Adjourned at 3:55 p.m.