



PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSEMBLY

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

ASSEMBLY MEETING

21 August, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Cali Davis, President.

Roll Call: The roll was called by Kristina Hopton-Jones, Secretary. 58 members were present at roll call. The August PSA general meeting had a quorum.

Minutes Approved from June: David Brown made a motion to approve the June minutes, John Kasberg second the motion, and the June minutes were unanimously approved.

Officer/ Committee Reports:

Treasurer: John Chambers

Since the last PSA meeting, \$499 was spent on Adobe software for web development.

Past-President: Mark Foster

No report

Staff Life: Amanda Wallace

Met August 12, most members of the committee are new to PSA. The group discussed issues important to professional staff including, childcare, tuition benefit, and family rate vs. couple rate for BC/BS.

Service and Outreach: John Kasberg

UBS Blood Drive will be held on Get on Board day, August 27 next to Morgan Hall on the quad; everyone who donates will be entered to win a Garmin GPS Navigation system, red Head pursuit binoculars, Pre-paid 2 year lease on the all new 2009 Lincoln MKS, and a Pond Prowler Bass Boat.

If you donate platelets, you are entered to win free gas for a year.

Easter Seals Walk with Me will be held on September 20. Please join us for a 1.5 mile walk for a good cause. You may enter as groups of 5 and there is a minimum of \$25 donation fee. John will announce this event at the next general assembly meeting.

Professional Development: Reata Strickland

The committee met on July 24 via e-meeting. Reata met with David Bertanzetti to discuss possible collaboration for a TIAA Cref workshop for professional staff members.

Reata also met with Tiffany Godwin to discuss a PSA Award for an outstanding professional. The committee is still researching award possibilities to include with the plaque.

Nominations and Elections: Janet Griffith

The group met at the end of July. This meeting was well attended by an enthusiastic committee. The PSA vacancies were divided up for the N&E committee members to send one final request for assembly members to the various departments.

Communications: Wendy McMillian

No Report

Assembly Operations: Richard Livingston

Richard sent emails to PSA members who have missed 3 meetings this year. Most have resigned. Assembly Operations is monitoring and enforcing attendance policy this year.

President: Cali Davis

Cali read the letter she sent on behalf of the PSA, to express the assembly's support of the domestic partner benefits resolution to Janet Vandermeer.

President-elect: Jill Beville

Welcome to the new PSA year. We will meet all Fall term in 118 Graves Hall.

Web: Adam Miller

Please send committee agendas and meeting minutes to Adam. Cali expressed gratitude to Adam for his excellent work on the PSA website. We are very proud of it.

New Business:

UA Standing Committee members in PSA positions:

Campus Master Plan – Candy Crawford

Libraries – Jimmy Hubbard

Parking and Traffic – Naomi Powell

Student and Campus Life – Julie Elmore

Student Health – Claire Griffith

Information Technology – Paul Jarnagin

Safety and Security – Mike Reid

Equal Opportunity – Carlton McHargh

Faculty-Staff Benefits – Allison Arendale

International Education – Janet Griffith

Undergraduate Programs – John Chambers

University Recreation – Kevin Thornthwaite

Intercollegiate Athletics – Darrell Hargreaves

-Julia Hartman who was attending the PSA meeting for Paul Jarnagin mentioned that the PSA is not represented on the UA Committee on Committees, and they should be.

Announcements:

-Steering Committee: 12 June, 3:00 p.m. Housing Conference Room

-Commute Smart is a new program at UA for carpool matching. Please see the HR website for more information on this program.

-If anyone has ideas about the childcare issue, please contact Amanda Wallace.

-Jill Beville announced the start of a new Strive for Five program that starts in September.

-There will be a job information session for students who are interested in working at the Recreation Center in intramural sports on September 27 at 7:00pm. No experience is necessary.

PSA General Meeting: September 18 at 3:00 in Graves Hall

Adjourned at 3:35pm