

Executive Summary University Senate Meeting 4/17/2017

Welcome

Dr. Tugmon called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Review and approval of the Minutes:

Minutes for the March 6, 2017 Senate meeting were approved as written. These minutes are published on the University Senate Web page.

Highlights from Report of Officers:

Vice chair – Dr. Wendy Turner

- Faculty Manual
 - Some committees sent thorough entries
 - Continue this project in the Fall
- Vice Chancellor
 - Two days of interviewing candidates
 - Sent forward 3 names
 - Chancellor will be bringing in one of the candidates this week

Chair - Dr. Cathy Tugmon

- **Report from the Executive Committee meeting**
 - Started a discussion with IT about needs for next year
 - Determined the 2 appointees for AURI to bring to the Senate tonight for approval
 - Report on Resource Allocation Hearings that Dr. Turner will share more on
 - We discussed the nominations for the Vice Chair/At Large Senators that are now being voted on
- **Report on Academic Leadership Meeting**
 - John Tannos from the Educational Advisory Board
- **Report from USGFC meeting** on March 31, 2017
 - Met with the Chancellor, Dr. Steve Wrigley, for 30 minutes due to delayed start because of I85 collapse
 - He gave an update on the results of the legislative session
 - Discussion on the Guns on Campus bill HB 280
 - Are in the process of forming 3 or 4 ad hoc committees to deal with business
 - Heard a report on AAUP Conference
 - Had an update from the USG Retiree Council
 - Discussed faculty appeals to their annual evaluations – various campuses have different solutions to this
 - Discussion about Presidents that preside at Senate meetings
 - Forming Adhoc committees to deal with various items brought up at the meeting
 - Such as Ratio of Administrators to Faculty, etc.

- **Report from Strategic Planning Core Team**
 - Town hall meetings were held – I am sure Gretchen will comment on that
 - Survey responses as of our meeting – 150 responses
 - Various e-mails were sent by members of the focus team trying to encourage a greater response.
 - I have pamphlets of the draft for the AU strategic plan
 - I have cards to help you get to the survey
 - Closes April 27th
 - Focus teams will meet on May 8th to review the results of this survey and make changes as needed.
 - Summer 2017 organization and packaging of the rough draft for review in Fall 17
- **AURI Board of Directors nominations**
 - This will be covered under new business

Highlights from Invited Reports

Provost – Dr. Gretchen Caughman:

- **Strategic Planning**
 - Online Survey is still open – please provide your input
 - Pop-Up Engagements
 - **Tuesday, April 18**
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Jaguar Student Activities Center
 - **Wednesday, April 19**
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., AU Medical Center’s Terrace Dining
 - **Thursday, April 20**
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., HSC Student Center and in the J. Harold Harrison, M.D. Education Commons
- **Searches**
 - Pamplin dean – in second-visit stage with candidates
 - VP AFA – 3 candidates identified for campus visits
- **March USG BOR meeting**
 - Approval of BA in Integrated Studies program
 - Three individuals appointed to named chairs
 - Dr. Adviye Ergul, Regents’ Professor
 - Dr. Tohru Fukai, Barbara A. Schnuck Chair in Translational Medicine
 - Dr. Xin-Yun Lu, GRA Eminent Scholar Chair in Translational Neuroscience
 - Presentation to Committee on Finance and Business Operations from Dr. Keel and Mr. Wagner on AU Medical Center
- **Upcoming events**

- AU Memorial Service – this Thursday, April 20th, 3:00pm in Summerville Campus Teardrop
 - Moment of silence in place for those who cannot attend
- Alumni Weekend, April 28 – 30
- Employee Service Recognition Breakfast, Wednesday, May 3rd, 7:30am

Academic Vice President for Faculty and Academic Affairs – Dr. Rychly
Student Life Moment – Dr. Mark Allen Poisel reported big picture for the year.

- 4th year in a row Student Recreation increased in use with over 110,000 visits
- Student Health had over 9,000 visits
- Housing is up 190 students compared to last year. Next year is expected to be full.
- A new green area has been created on the Health Science campus for extramural activities. There are 9 more campus sports and next year expect a total of 18 club sports
- Over the summer changes will be made to improve technology in both student centers
- Increased number of students receiving scholarships and in over all scholarship dollars but still behind competing schools
- Developing more partnerships with the military
- Increasing dual enrollment there were 157 students this semester
- Care Reports have increased
- Student applications up, more students have accepted admission, freshman deposits are up and students interested in housing is up.

Committee Reports:

Reports will be posted on the University Senate web page once they have been submitted by the committees.

Invited Guests:

- Mike Kessler Interim Vice President for Development gave an Office of Advancement Development Update. For details see the power point on the University Senate Web page:
<http://www.augusta.edu/universitysenate/documents/advance.pdf>
- Margie Coggins Miller Director Government Relations gave an update on the 2017 Legislative Session. For details see the power point on the University Senate Web page:
<http://www.augusta.edu/universitysenate/au2017legisession.pdf>

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Senate Election update
 - Ballot for Vice Chair and one of the Senator at large positions
- AURI Board of directors

- A motion and a second comes from the Executive Committee to appoint Nita Maihle, PhD (Augusta Cancer Research Center) and Raghavan Pillai Raju, PhD (College of Allied Health Sciences) to the AURI Board Directors with a start date of June 30, 2017. Motion passed
- Ad hoc committee for bylaw review
 - Please send any names of interested individuals to the Executive Committee. This committee will be chaired by the incoming Vice Chair.
 - We will vote on the committee next meeting.
- A motion to approve changes to the P & T policy was brought forward by the P & T committee- motion passed
- A motion to approve changes to the Grievance policy was brought forward by the Grievance Committee – motion passed

Other New Business

Meeting was adjourned.

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