



AUBURN
UNIVERSITY

Administrative & Professional Assembly

Location: OIT Building

February 10, 2015 at 3 pm

Minutes

Call to Order: 3:00 pm

I. Roll Call

Present: Kirk Kreamer, Meaghan Weir, Karen Rankin, Timothy Jones, David Benjamin, BreAunna McKenzie, Robert Kulick, Stephen Gulley, Laurie Newton, Paula Davis, Lawrence Hamberlin, Jennifer Parker, Robert Holm, Cathy Pate, Katie Lee, Ashley Hamberlin, Bryan Elmore, Joy Vrbka, John Heck, Josh Conradson, Laurel Hendrix, Vic Walker, Jeannie Harry
Absent: Shannon Bryant-Hankes, Frank Oprandy

II. Approval of Minutes from December meeting

Motion passes

III. Speakers

a. Dan King- Associate VP, Facilities

- i. Dan King provided an [update on the Capital Project](#) outlining five strategies which included improving the quality of instructional classrooms and labs, the creation of a health science campus, improvement of student support facilities, improvement of athletic facilities, and campus beautification. In particular, Mr. King discussed the construction of the Mell Classroom building which will begin in July 2015 with a target completion date of Fall 2017. The Academic Classroom building and lab which will replace Parker and Allison will begin construction at the time of the Mell Classroom building completion. The School of Nursing will begin construction of a new building to be located on Donahue Dr in the Fall of 2017. The VCOM school will open in Fall of 2015. Additionally, Mr. King spoke about the new video board that will be installed in the stadium for Fall of 2015. Samford Lawn will see the installation of the replacement Toomer's Oaks on February 14, 2015 with the 30 descendant oaks to be planted in winter of 2016.
- ii. Questions:
Q: What will be done with the current stadium scoreboard? A: It will not be salvaged due to the high cost of disassembling and reassembling it.
Q: Will there be increased security for the new Toomer's Oaks. A: There are no plans to increase security at this time.

Q: What is the status of a parking deck project in the engineering area? A: A parking consultation completed for the University did not recommend placing a deck in that location due to issues with traffic on Magnolia St.

Q: Will the library deck remain open for the construction of the Mell Classroom building? A: Yes and a new door to the library may be added on the NW corner closest to Martin Hall.

Q: What is the status of improvements to Samford Hall? A: There will be scaffolding around Samford during the summer of 2015 for a reroofing project and masonry repair.

b. Dr. Don Large and Dr. Mary Boudreaux – Faculty/Staff Athletic Ticket Changes

i. In addition to Dan King's facilities update, Dr. Large added that the Athletics Department has received funding for the scoreboard. In regard to the other scheduled facilities projects, Dr. Large stressed that funding will affect the timing and the University is optimistic for substantial gifts during the current capital campaign. Dr. Large also spoke about the changes to the Faculty/Staff athletic tickets. The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics brought forth the recommendations for changes to the discount on athletics tickets provided to faculty and staff. For fiscal year 2015 employees will receive paper tickets with the discount changing from 50% to 20% of face value. The change in discount offered is based on IRS regulations regarding taxation. Dr. Large informed the group that the discount to employees has in the past been covered by the University out of the general fund and the difference saved (approximately \$600,000) with the discount changed will be put toward offsetting the rising cost of insurance. In fiscal year 2016 there will be changes to priority seating points to be based on the number of years the employee has ordered tickets. Employees must order tickets each season to maintain their priority and seat. Employees currently in higher positions will not be penalized. Scott Carr, Associate Director of External Affairs with Athletics added that employees will maintain their current seats as long as they continue purchasing tickets. Employees can request a seat change online based on their points. 2016 will use an online map similar to the one used by athletics donors.

ii. Questions:

Q: Does the purchase of tickets for other sporting events affect football priority?

A: No.

Q: How many faculty/staff tickets are sold? A: Approximately 4,600.

Q: How do spouses handle the purchase of 4 total tickets? A: Split the tickets in 2015 to gain better priority in 2016.

Q: Has consideration been given to moving faculty/staff tickets through TUF? A: This has not been discussed and is not likely to happen.

IV. Comments from the Chair

a. Ashley Hamberlin thanked the speakers for their time. Ms. Hamberlin informed the group that Rob Kulick, chair of the Nominations and Elections committee will send an

email calling for nominations for the A&P Executive committee. Voting will take place at the April meeting. Nominations are due by March 16. Jeannie Harry will be replacing the seat left by Jennifer Parker. The A&P Fellowship will be accepting nominations soon. All employees with at least one year of employment who have held a position on a University or A&P committee or A&P Assembly are eligible to apply.

V. Executive Committee Report

- a. Vic Walker reported that the Executive Committee met and discussed the Employee Emergency Fund, changes to Faculty/Staff tickets, the A&P Fellowship and the potential for electronic voting.

VI. New Business

N/A

VII. Open Forum

No Comments

VIII. Adjourn

4:11 pm

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