

**February 20, 2014**

**Library 407, 10:00AM**

1. Call to Order
2. Executive Committee Reports
   1. President, Derek Rodriguez
      1. March 12th will be the Staff Council lunch with President Fos; invitations should be sent soon
   2. Vice-President, Brian McDonald
      1. Master Planning Committee has met several times and updated the plan; they should be sending the revised Master Plan to campus soon
   3. Treasurer, Amanda Green
      1. Account balances:
         1. General Fund Balance is $749.10.
         2. Credit Union Savings Account balance is $6.94.
      2. Scholarship Activity Fund (Foundation): $966 available to give as Scholarships
      3. Holding 8 bookstore $250 gift cards from Follett totaling $2,000
   4. Recording Secretary, Carol Lunn
      1. Last month’s minutes were submitted
   5. Corresponding Secretary, Charlann Kable
      1. Excused absence
3. Committee Reports
   1. Events Committee – Harold Bauer, Chair
      1. Reminder that Spring Fling is next month; March 13th from 4 to 7 in the Alumni Center Ballroom; all staff are encouraged to attend
      2. Still seeking donations for the auction and raffle; committee requests items be submitted by February 28th so they have adequate time to prepare for the event
   2. Awards Committee - Eliza Nascarella, Chair
      1. Vote on 2changes to the staff scholarship; both passed; see attached updated document for revisions
   3. Membership/Elections Committee – no report
   4. By-Laws – Amanda Green, Chair
      1. Made additional changes to the by-laws based on feedback from the elections committee
      2. Will email draft of updated by-laws to Staff Council for input and put to the vote in the March meeting
         1. Hope to send the updated by-laws to Staff Council tomorrow; if there is a quick turn-around for input we can send out an additional draft prior to the March meeting
4. New Business
   1. **Guest Speaker: Tiffany Soublet** – reviewed the PowerPoint presentation Dr. Lassen gave to the Cost Containment Committee in the Fall
      1. “Unrestricted” Operating budget or “General Fund” only
      2. See **Attached Presentation**
      3. The structural deficit discussed on campus is the result of a beginning budget of 105 million, but in the fall revenue was projected at 98.9 million and is now projected around 96 million
      4. The majority of the budget (70%) is salary and fringe; a portion of the budget is mandated by the state (insurance, system fees, etc.)
      5. Self-generated revenue in FY 10 was 46% of the budget and in FY 14 is 69%
      6. Because permanent cuts to the expenditures have not been made in prior year, this has created the structural deficit and carried forward year to year
5. Guest Speakers

**Donna Dickerson, Interim Executive Director for Graduate School**

* See **Attached Presentation**
* Go to webpage to complete survey and see more information; feedback from all UNO constituents is requested and appreciated

**Dr. William Sharpton, Associate Provost & SACS Liaison**

* Working on 2 major corrections
  + Substantive change document regarding move from LSU to UL system
  + Responding to corrections from affirmation review – the primary problem was Institutional Effectiveness
    - Three main areas of focus: Policy (AP), Catalog and Website
    - September 10, 2014 is deadline for the reaffirmation report to be submitted to SACS; April of 2015 will be the on-site visit
* If UNO were on probation we would not be eligible for financial aid and 80% of our students receive some sort of federal aid

1. Next Meeting – March 20, 2014
2. Adjournment

Staff Council is dedicated to providing the best possible representation for the staff of the university. Our goal is to identify ways to support and enhance the lives of our valued

fellow staff. Staff Council welcomes input from the entire university community in

order to make the University of New Orleans the best place in the City of New Orleans

and the state of Louisiana to work and prosper.