

**March 20th, 2014**

**Library 407, 10:00AM**

1. Call to Order
2. Executive Committee Reports
   1. President, Derek Rodriguez
      1. Motion out of order so Dr. Fos can speak at beginning
   2. Vice-President, Brian McDonald
      1. Events committee will award scholarship soon
         1. Will allow chair to discuss
   3. Treasurer, Amanda Green
   4. Recording Secretary, Carol Lunn
      1. All minutes and attachment from speakers are on SharePoint
      2. They were also sent to executive committee for review, distribution and posting to website
   5. Corresponding Secretary, Charlann Kable
      1. Will post January and February minutes
3. Committee Reports
   1. Events Committee – Chair Harold Bauer
      1. 2nd Staff Council dinner was a success
      2. 116 people attended; slightly down from 150 last year
      3. Raised approximately $3,000 which is twice what was raised in 1st year
   2. Awards Committee – Chair Eliza Nascarella
      1. 3 applicants for Staff Council Scholarship
      2. Will meet next week to award 1st scholarship
      3. Will work on Follett gift cards next
   3. Membership/Elections Committee – Lajana Paige
      1. Reviewed members who have expiring appointments
      2. Carol Lunn sent updated list of staff from HR to the elections committee
4. New Business
   1. By-Laws review and approval
      1. Short of quorum to vote on by-laws
      2. Amanda Green will send via email for vote
      3. Carol Lunn will send Amanda Green suggested language regarding top two officers that correlates discussion in Staff Council meeting
   2. Staff Council and Executive Council Election Update(s)
      1. Member elections at next month’s meeting
   3. Responses from Administration
      1. Carol Lunn provided responses from Administration on behalf of Kendy Martinez
         1. See attached document from Kendy
5. Guest Speaker – President Fos
   1. Applications are up 25%
   2. Homer Hitt applications are up and the acceptance rate is up
   3. Governor’s budget – no cuts for higher ed for 1st time since Jindal in office
      1. Only 28% of budget
   4. Grad Act – governor says for 1st time universities can keep increase from Grad Act instead of using as part of baseline budget
   5. WISE fund – may get funding to develop to increase graduates for in demand jobs: computer science, engineering, education, finance/accounting
   6. Will not have funds this year to close books without once again depleting the reserves
      1. Reserves are down to 14M because start each year with 4-6M deficit
   7. February 1 – eliminated 28 of 60 positions presented to be cut
      1. Approximately 6 were able to retire
   8. Housing
      1. Pontchartrain Hall - 94% occupancy
      2. Lafitte Village - 96% occupancy
      3. NonUNO dorms – 90% occupancy
      4. UL system – talking with private investors regarding new housing
         1. Arizona State did similar private/public partnership
         2. Company receives tax credits to build mixed housing/commercial buildings on campus
      5. Bienville Hall – FEMA gave money to state but has not authorized release of funds to tear down the building
   9. Facility buildings
      1. Need to tear down old building – seeking funding
      2. New building is not usable until funds are found to complete buildout
   10. Children’s Center conversion to international center
       1. Edward G Schlieder Center – gave $1 million to renovate a building for an international center
       2. Center Austria – will donate another $1 million
       3. 15,000 SF in the building
       4. Looking for additional donations in exchange for naming right
       5. Hope to have online by August
   11. Rich Hansen – Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
       1. Retired Provost
       2. Worked at UL System
       3. Now searching for new Provost to replace Jim Payne
   12. Remedial Students
       1. Fall 2012 no students requiring remedial courses allowed to enroll in four year schools; legislature wanted them to enroll at less expensive community colleges
       2. ~800 students a year at UNO
       3. BoR is planning pilot program to allow remedial students to enroll at rural schools
       4. President Fos is trying to get UNO in the Pilot program
6. Next Meeting – April 24, 2014

1. 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.