2.20.18

President’s Report: Donna Meester

* President Bell’s message re: Modern Think Survey: requires a large response rate to generate results (working on work-life balance for faculty and staff)
* March meeting = last meeting with this Senate Configuration (Executive voting at March meeting). New Senate to be installed on April 17. Need all committee reports, which will be posted to the Senate Website

Vice President’s Report: Rona Donahoe

* ACUFF Meeting (Jim Purcell)
  + Approval process for initiating new programs reduced from 10 mo’s to 3 mo’s
  + ACHE’s Statewide education plan is a jobs-based plan
    - Based on premise that 25% of all existing, lower-level jobs will be replaced by automation by 2030
    - In AL, 19% of current 9th graders will receive either a 2- or 4-year degree over a period of ten years
  + Today’s funding levels for Higher Ed. Same as 1967.
  + Goal to create 65% grad rates by 2025 (both from HS students and adults returning to get a college degree)
    - improve access
    - enhance student success
    - reduce costs
    - increase amount of local (industry-based) scholarship
  + $58 M in Pell Grants alone was left on the table because of form non-completion

Faculty and Senate Governance: Ibrahim Cemen and Angela Benson

* Ombudsperson nominations are requested
  + Cannot be a Faculty Senator
  + Must have at least 7 years on campus
  + Must be from A&S

Faculty Life: Julia Cartwright and James Gilbreath

* Met with VP of Communications re: website for new faculty
  + Waiting to see who will house it (HR?)
* Gym Proposal: pilot for free gym membership during summer (free days)
* Day Care: Proposal for support for new (separate) on-campus day care facility
* Proposal for temporary faculty housing (we need to know what resources already exist)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Ozzy Molina and Mirit Eyal-Cohen

* Met with Dr. Taylor re: recent on-campus incidents
  + Recommendation for a curricular addition addressing equity and diversity

Academic Affairs: John Vincent and Brad Tuggle

* Reviewing policy on Spring II and Fall II terms (registration) at request of Provost Whitaker

Research and Service: Ajay Agrawal and Mike Kreger

* Working with Research Advisory Committee (RAC) re: research-based ideas
* Research Survey is in development and will be ready for next month’s meeting
* VPR search – Si Blackstock
  + Send any nominations to Si Blackstock or Susan Carvallo

IT and Strategic Communications: Clark Midkiff and Barbara Dahlbach

* Met for the first time this Spring on 2.19.18. OIT developing a policy for the University:
  + Information
  + Information Systems
  + Information Infrastructure

Student Life: Charlye Adams and Amy Traylor

* 2nd SGA Fundraiser (a banquet) for the SAFE Center

Reports from Other Committees:

Faculty and Staff Benefits: Rona Donahoe

* Business model for child care facility currently being developed by a C&BA class
  + Bob Pierce and Kevin Whitaker are discussing including a physical building in the capital campaign budget
  + 300 children currently on CDRC wait list
* Optum Rx complaints should be sent to Rona Donahoe
  + Optum Rx contract ends this year
* Working on Rec Center access for Faculty and Staff

Lakeside Dining Hall: Holly Grof

* Lakeside Dining Hall is undergoing renovating beginning Spring Break and continuing over the summer
  + New wood-fired grill
  + New fresh-food approach
  + Street taco concept
    - Market is moving into resident halls

Meeting adjourned for discussion with UAPD / Office of Threat Assessment re: Active Shooter response plans:

* USE 205.348.5454 (and post it prominently on Classroom Whiteboards)
* Watch Run / Hide / Fight: Surviving an Active Shooter video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0
* Maintain situational awareness
  + Events often take place over 90 seconds
  + Police response time is often 3-5 minutes
* Will have a community police officer in every building on campus within weeks
  + Faculty = a force multiplier for the community