



THE UNIVERSITY *of*
NEW ORLEANS
Staff Council

August 21, 2014

Library 407, 10:00 A.M.

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. President - Brian McDonald

Brian asked for a motion and second to change the agenda to allow President Fos to speak. It was motioned and second.

- a. University President-President Peter Fos
 - i. I have come today with some good news. During Fall 2012, our admissions requirements were changed. Therefore, we expected freshmen enrollment to decline by 700 students. During Fall 2011, enrollment numbers were about 11,000; Fall 2012, about 10,030; Fall 2013, about 9,300 students. The good news is that for Fall 2014, we budgeted for 9,000 students. Presently, we have more than 9,000. Enrollment Services is still working hard to get the numbers up. If we maintain the numbers we presently have, we would be in a better position from a budget standpoint. So I encourage everyone to keep working hard.
 - ii. This is the first year we keep the GRAD ACT increases- approximately \$4 million. This will help us with the deficit.
 - iii. Every residence hall on campus is "hotel" full, including Privateer Place. So we have over 1,100 students living on campus. This will make our campus more vibrant. We just refinanced bonds on Pontchartrain Hall. This will help us with the interest rate. A special thanks to Vice President Lassen.
 - iv. The UNO Foundation and the University are continuing to work to collaborate on a special project which would assist us in our global recruiting mission.
 - v. Thanks to Staff and Faculty, we got 100% in every category of the GRAD ACT evaluation.
- b. Question from Audience to President and General Comments:
 - i. Is the University still going to focus on local recruiting?

President Fos: Yes. We are focusing on recruiting more TOPS students. We have more Homer Hitt students enrolled this year. Some of our students left after Katrina and many are in Houston. I approved hiring a person who lives in Houston to do recruiting there. We have seen other schools use this model with success and we believe it will work for us. Also, the Privateer Bound program is growing.

- c. Are there still discussions about allowing some remedial work?
President Fos: I have been working on that.
- d. What happened to the money Governor Jindal gave to colleges for raises?
President Fos: The monies were given to the universities with the understanding that if the universities are in a financial position to do so, then raises could be given. While I hope to be there in 2 years, we are not there yet. We need more students.
- e. Comment from floor.
To get raises, we need students. I have received complaints about the phones not being answered. We need to look at ways to improve this.
President Fos: I will let Dr. Kemker know about this.

III. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President-Brian McDonald
 - i. The President has sent out the Master Plan-Strategic Plan. If you were at the convocation, you heard some of his goals. Please take the time to review the plan.
 - ii. Launched Service for Jazz Program. Mike Berthelot was our first recipient.
 - iii. There are flyers in the back which details this program. So nominate, nominate.
 - iv. We hope to have Dr. Kemker and VP Lassen at our September meeting.
 - v. Just a reminder to our staff that it is approved for them to attend Staff Council meetings. So we encourage you to come and participate.
- b. Vice President-Amanda Green
 - i. I'm looking forward to working with each of you. Last meeting I was out of town.
 - ii. If you would like to serve and help us achieve our goals, we have Committee volunteer sheets. Please sign up today!
 - iii. Remember the Service with Jazz Award!
- c. Treasurer – Derek Rodriguez
 - i. The account is still the same. We are optimistic we will have a budget for this year.
- d. Recording Secretary - Zena Dickerson
 - i. Minutes are posted on Sharepoint
- e. Corresponding Secretary - Kendy Martinez
 - i. The website is updated except for the Committee sheets which we will need to be completed by September 10th. Please sign the committee sheets if you would like to be on one and I will update the names when they are confirmed.

IV. New Business - None

V. Old Business - None.

VI. Guest Speaker – Ms. Pam Meyer

- a. Alumni Recruitment
See attached Powerpoint presentation

- VII. General Comments from the floor:
- VIII. Next Meeting – September 18, 2014
- IX. Adjournment