



THE UNIVERSITY *of*
NEW ORLEANS

STAFF COUNCIL

**Minutes from February 19, 2015
Library 407, 10:00AM**

I. Call to Order at 10:05am

Staff Council Members in attendance:

Harold Baur
Amanda Green
William Guillory
David Lambour
Ruth "Ann" Lemay
Carol Lunn
Kendy Martinez
Brian McDonald
Ronald O'Rourke
John Theriot

II. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President, given by Brian McDonald
- b. Vice-President, given by Amanda Green
- c. Treasurer, given by Amanda Green
- d. Corresponding Secretary, Kendy Martinez

Brian (P) provided the updates on the Budget Committee and Enrollment Management Plan.

The University Budget Committee meets every Wednesday morning at 9.30am. The first 15 minutes are set aside for questions and the meeting is open for attendance by all of the UNO community. Meetings include discussion about assessment surveys, institutional effectiveness feedback, the design of rubrics and most importantly, the impact of the Governor's proposed budget to be released next week.

The Enrollment Management Committee does not hold meetings that are open to the UNO community, however information regarding their proceedings can be requested from Brian until the 2015 plan is finalized. There is a three-prong approach to the process, based upon recruitment, enrollment and retention. There are a number of efforts currently occurring as part of the development and implementation of the 2015 plan, which will be viewable on SharePoint.

Amanda (VP) provided the gathering with information regarding the account balance (no changes), but noted that next month's silent auction at the Spring Bling on March 12 should provide revenue for the scholarship fund.

The Staff Council Website is up to date.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Staff Concerns Committee
- b. Events Committee
- c. Awards Committee
- d. Membership/Elections Committee

No new items were given from the Staff Concerns Committee.

The Events Committee reported that the Spring Bling scheduled for March 12th planning is proceeding on schedule. Members of the Events Committee are currently seeking donations for the silent auction.

Music for the event will be provided by the UNO Jazz Studies Program.

The menu is similar to last year's event in content and cost.

President Fos has issued an approval for UNO Staff to seek donations for the Silent Auction. We are in compliance with *AP-BA-14.2 Guidelines for Soliciting or Selling on Campus*.

There was no report from the Awards Committee.

The Membership/Elections Committee summary was given by Brian. He announced upcoming elections for Staff Council Members (April meeting) and Officers (May meeting).

IV. New Business

Brian Hornsby spoke to the Council about upcoming events.

Explore UNO will bring together more than 400 participants, with at least 140 of those being admitted/accepted students. Potentially, more than 50% of these students will already be enrolled for the Fall Semester. He encourages UNO staff to RSVP for the events, scheduled for March 20th and April 20th. He also announced plans for a UNO "Signing Day", scheduled for April 10th, as a welcoming event for scholarship recipients. ACT Prep seminars are being given on April 12th and June 7th...attendees can participate in one or both sessions. Other offerings include "Privateer for a Day" and "Getting to Know UNO."

For more details about all the different activities recruitment is hosting, please visit their website at: <http://www.uno.edu/admissions/event-registration.aspx>

V. Old Business

No Old Business.

VI. Guest Speaker:

Dr. Leslie Culver and/or Dr. William Sharpton- Update SACS

Dr. Culver was present and gave the update on SACS. Dr. Sharpton was unable to attend. The University over the past 10 years has had to recover from Hurricane Katrina and complete the migration from the LSU System to the ULL System.

This Spring Semester, the University will have a campus visit (on site) from SACS officials the week of April 13th. Dr. Culver indicated that all the information that relates to accreditation can be obtained by visiting the University's website or sending their office a request for summaries by email.

SACSCOC Accreditation: <http://www.uno.edu/SACS/index.aspx>

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VII. Next Meeting - March 19, 2015

VIII. 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.