



STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Tuesday, December 12th 2017

9:00 am, Biomechanics Research Building (BRB 228)

Present Members:

Melissa Boseman, Deb Brozak, Chandra Gustafson, Eric Hager, Kim Harter, Barb Harvey, Sarah Kole (V.P.), Steve Lendt, Beau Malnack, Katie Martikainen (S), Patti Martin, Megan Nelson (P.E.), Lindsey Parde, Jill Russell, Matt Shields, Steve Summers, Jill Sutton, Jennifer Walcutt, Thomas Walker (P),

Absent Members:

Anthony Flott (P.P.), Melissa Malmberg, Laura Sherwin, Jim Sinclair, Kevin Thibodeau, Linda Value, Suzanne Withem (T)

Guest Speakers: (9:00 - 9:30 am)

Jeffrey Kaipust, Lab Coordinator, BRB

Jeffrey took us on a tour of the Biomechanics Research Building, noting that while the department is part of UNO and offers degrees of study, there are no classes held in the building. The spaces we toured included virtual reality experiences, a shop, and a space for creating prosthetic hands. Jeffrey also noted that the BRB operates mostly off of grants, not state funding or the UNO budget. There are many exciting collaborations, partnerships, and discoveries happening at BRB.

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- No discussion of the minutes or changes.
- Motion to approve: Thomas Walker; seconded by Patti Martin

President's Report – Thomas Walker

Thomas provided a recap of his meeting with President Bounds about the document for Freedom of Expression. Thomas will be working with other leaders on all campuses for this topic. Thank you to all who contributed feedback.

Budget: UNO is looking at a 6 million increase next year with the new allocations. Thomas noted that the allocation has not been changed since 1992, but a lot has changed at each campus. However, this could get partially taken away from the state; the current plan is 1% reduction each quarter. BRT is moving along smoothly. So far there has been more progress from efficiencies than anticipated, but cuts will still need to be made. Thomas is meeting with the Chancellor later today and will update us at the next meeting. He is still pushing for a confirmed SAC budget 2018-2019.

Treasurer's Report – Suzanne Withem

- Note: Suzanne was absent, but sent her notes in advance. The update was given by Thomas
- Current balance of \$1,096.78 (no change)
- Ink Cartridge: Thomas has reached out to Tammy Goldsberry and Michael Obbink because we have not had any monies come through this year. Although we are cutting down on printing, there should still be a bit of recycling coming through. Thomas said he would still encourage everyone to participate. Even if SAC does not get the money, it is always good to support sustainability. A reminder you can bring in your ink cartridges from home, too.

Committee Chair Reports

- **Professional Development Committee – Megan Nelson**
 - Nothing to report
- **Elections Committee – Sarah Kole**
 - Currently working on options for nominations and voting for those who do not have easy access to computers, but the primary focus will be online. The goal is that if the nomination process is easier, we can gather greater interest.
- **Resolutions Committee – Sarah Kole**
 - Thomas passed out the resolution. He read the proposal: to update the membership allocation to 20 members Office/Service and 20 members from Managerial, with no more than 3 members from a “home department.”
 - Steve Summers asked how far out do we think it will be until we are at goal of 20/20? Thomas answered: This will go into effect this year (2018-2019 election).
 - Beau Malnack asked: What do you mean by “home department”? Thomas answered: It will be the lowest level. The reasoning being this is the simplest way to accommodate changes (e.g. with BRB growing, where would be add that?) Splitting by Office/Service and Managerial as well as the lowest level department allows for simplicity and room for change.
 - Vote: The resolution passed unanimously. Will be in effect going into the spring election cycle. If we cannot reach the new number of 40 members, we will work our best to keep the split as equal as possible.
- **Communications & Publications Committee – Katie Martikainen**
 - Nothing new to report
- **Activities Committee – Suzanne Withem**
 - In Suzanne’s absence, Thomas gave the update.
 - Backpack program: The goal is \$700 (3500 erasers). This goal will fill approximately half the backpacks needed in the program. The bookstore has set up a way to purchase and donate erasers – just let them know how many you would like to donate when at the check-out. Suzanne is proposing an individual challenge of \$27 each – this amount would hit our goal. A reminder that SAC can take cash donations from family/friends/coworkers. HOWEVER, if you take cash, please go to the bookstore and make the donation there, so we are not shuffling money around.
 - Food Pantry: still working on how to best collection monetary donations online.

Updates on the following committees

- **UNO Athletics Committee Meeting – Thomas Walker**
 - The biggest updates are that Baxter is getting closer and closer to being financially sound. And, although there has been great performance by the soccer coach, we are not allowed to have a contract longer than 3 years.
- **UNO Parking Committee – Kim Harter**
 - There will be a change to the electronic vehicle parking charge: from \$1.00/hour to .50/hour for the first 4 hours; after that it will be \$3.00/hour. The goal is to help other vehicles be able to charge. It was noted that by 2024 all GM cars will be electric.
 - Nothing official yet, but there are no planned parking increases for the 20108-2019 year
 - There will be no shuttle from Baxter Arena on Fridays (there are other free parking options closer to campus)
 - Reminder: Open parking this week through January 7th
- **UNO Wellness Stampede Advisory Committee – Steve Lendt**
 - Nothing new to report
- **UNO Sustainability Committee – Steve Summers**

- Steve added to the discussion on electronic cars that with the new outlets, cars will change in 4 hours (compared to a regular outlet that takes 12 hours to charge).
- Looking at new car share service for campus; working with Enterprise to see if a better deal can be made.
- Omaha Rapid Buss Transit is planned to be built next year. It will express down Dodge, so the expectation is that more students will take advantage of this
- There are plans for a bike tune-up station
- Noted that .5 million UNO riders this past year at Metro
- Zip Cars on not on campus any more
- **Mav Communications Committee – Thomas Walker**
 - Nothing new to report. Still discussion website changes to include a “research” button and updating the faculty profile system.
- **Inclusion and Equity Team – Suzanne Withem**
 - No updates: Suzanne was out.

New Business/Good of the Order

- Chandra discussed the Common Reader Experience – All incoming Freshman to UNO will have a book to read before classes begin in the fall. The call for nominations will be coming out soon – the book is determined by a committee, so takes some time for committee to read and discuss.
 - Patti asked how to get on the selection committee? Chandra said they try to have representatives from each college, but to email her if you are interested. The MavDaily will announce what the book is and the books are available for free at the Bookstore. As of now there are not electronic versions available due to logisitics.
- Barb reminded everyone to sign up for online W2s. There are 2 computers/printers in HR where employees can register online and print
- Barb also reminded everyone about Title IX Training. It takes about 45 minutes to complete. Please complete yours and encourage your coworkers to do the same.
- Katie will send out the committee list with the agenda/minutes. Again.
- Eric noted this is his last meeting. He said that there was an offer and acceptance of a new position: Bookstore Manager. This new role will include data/accounting/support, which he thinks is good. Eric discussed his new business: Nebraska Lawn (NebraksaLawn.com). He is working with another UNO person, and excited to see where this adventure goes.
- Barb noted that in today’s MavDaily there was an announcement about the January 6th free skating at Holland and basketball game that night (a Thank You event from Chancellor Gold). Thomas reminded all that the Ice Rink is open to all UNMC/UNO staff.

Adjourn – 10:03am

Motion: Thomas ; seconded by Megan Nelson

Next Meeting:

January 9th – 9:00am-10:00am, Maverick Landing
 Guest Speakers – Jill Russell (HLC Accreditation)