Strategic Planning and Budget Study Committee

January 19, 2011

Bibb Graves Board Room

The Strategic Planning and Budget Study Committee (SPBS) meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chair Kristy Van Rensselaer. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ben Baker, Ms. Peggy Hoekenga, Dr. Bill Huddleston, and Dr. David Muse. Absentees were: Dr. Kerry Gatlin, Ms. Martha Hickman, Mr. John Ledgewood, Mr. Mark Linder, Dr. Alan Medders, Mr. David Shields, Dr. Steve Smith, Dr. John Thornell, and Dr. Brenda Webb. Other attendees were: Ms. Donna Tipps and Ms. Molly Vaughn representing Dr. Andrew Luna.

Due to a lack of a quorum approval of the agenda and December 8 minutes will be postponed. Today’s meeting will be considered as a work session for the committee.

Dr. David McCullough, Chair and Professor of Music and Theatre, addressed the committee concerning music scholarships. A handout was presented to the committee and will be emailed to absentee members by Chair Van Rensselaer. Funding of $31,000 was awarded for the current year which included music scholarships and performance scholarships (band, choral, opera/music-theatre workshops and theatre). An additional $15,500 is requested for 2011-12. This increase would help keep pace with tuition. Dr. Webb had requested information concerning comparison to other schools. Dr. McCullough noted that Jacksonville State University and UAB were our main competitors. While it is difficult to know exactly how UNA compares to these schools, he did contact some peer schools and noted that UNA would have to increase ours significantly to compete. He recommends increasing funds incrementally every year. This request will be acted upon at the next meeting.

Ms. Tipps distributed two handouts: “UNA Travel Policies” and “UNA Entertainment Policy Including Guest Meals, Business Meals, Receptions, Gifts, and Flowers.” These handouts are drafts clarifying terminology. These are information items for the committee. Chair Van Rensselaer will send out copies electronically (revisions are shown in yellow). These policies will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

Chair Van Rensselaer informed the committee that Dr. Thornell had sent an email to her concerning Colonel Wayne Bergeron and the Office of Military and Veteran Affairs. LTC Bergeron will be on a six month consultant contract beginning February 1 to do an in-depth study of creating the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs which will include looking for outside funding sources. Salary will be $5,000 a month and will be paid from a vacant position.

The next SPBS meeting will be February 9 at 3:30 in the Bibb Graves Board Room. There will be a full agenda, and Chair Van Rensselaer will send out notification and documents.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Westmoreland