

Academic Affairs Newsletter

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Welcome Back

This is the first issue of our academic affairs newsletter for 2012-13. The intent is to keep the campus apprised of newsworthy activities in academics. To new faculty and staff, we welcome you to UNA and wish you the best. You will find that we have a strong system of shared governance (SG) that ensures an individual and collective voice for all employees and students. The following individuals serve as contacts for SG matters. Please contact them as needed. The Chair of the SG Executive Committee is Brenda Webb (bhwebb@una.edu). The Chair of the Faculty Senate is Marilyn Lee (mblee1@una.edu). The Chair of the Staff Senate is Jim Eubanks (jeubanks@una.edu). The President of the Student Government Association is Will Riley (weriley@una.edu).

New Department Chairs

Several new department chairs took office on August 1. They include: LTC. Wayne Bergeron, Criminal Justice; Dr. Claudia Vance, Foreign Languages; Dr. Francis Koti, Geography; Dr. Cynthia Stenger, Mathematics; Dr. Jerri Bullard, Sociology; Dr. Victoria Hulsey, Elementary Ed.; and Dr. Beth Sewell, Secondary Ed. We offer our support and encouragement to these new chairs.

Update on Kilby School

At the UNA June Board Meeting, the Trustees approved a plan to stabilize funding for Kilby by assessing an annual fee of \$500 per student. The current volunteer assessment of \$200 to assist with expenses for special subject teachers was eliminated. With the establishment of the fee, coupled with a UNA budget supplement of \$125,000, Kilby is well positioned to serve a broad range of needs for the 150+ students. The Trustees also supported a plan to identify a senior UNA faculty member who would serve as coordinator of efforts to strengthen the laboratory mission of Kilby, including faculty-led research at Kilby. Toward that end, Dr. Linda Armstrong, Professor of Elementary Ed., has been named Coordinator of Research and Experiential Teaching and Learning for Kilby Laboratory School. The Trustees affirmed the importance of Kilby to the mission of UNA and expressed appreciation for the good work by the Kilby faculty, administration, and parents.

Groundbreaking

The ceremony to break ground for the new Academic and Student Commons Building will be held at 3:30 p.m., August 31. All are invited. This new facility will be an important addition to the campus. On the first floor will be the Bookstore and retail space, including Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, Frostbite, and Listerhill Credit Union. The second floor will house an academic success center and provide additional classroom space. The third floor will house the dean of arts and sciences, the Department of Criminal Justice, additional classroom space, and a conference room.

New UNA Website

On July 20, 2012 the web team within University Communications & Marketing launched the first official UNA.edu website redesign in nearly four years. Not only does this redesign make our website much easier to use, it also makes it much easier to update! With the website uploaded into a Content Management System, departments and offices now have the ability to maintain their own sites with no special knowledge of code needed. This will allow the UNA.edu website to always stay up-to-date with fresh, new content. Questions about the new web site should be directed to jbritten@una.edu.



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