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September Board Meeting

The UNA Board of Trustees held its quarterly meeting September 10. The Trustees approved an operating budget for 2012-2013 and reviewed financial statements and investment reports. They also heard updates on accreditation, academic partnerships, Kilby, strategic planning and new possible residency requirements for incoming freshmen. The Board also assessed progress on the Division I athletic initiative and approved a resolution clarifying a revised timeline and budget for the move. President Cale provided an analysis of fall enrollment and plans to address student retention.

ACHE Meeting

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) will hold its quarterly meeting in Montgomery on September 14. UNA has four items on the agenda. First, is a request for the ACHE Commission to grant approval for creation of a university college to provide an organizational category for our new undergraduate and graduate programs in interdisciplinary and professional studies. Second, the ACHE Commission will be asked to endorse two proposed new concentrations, integrative health and sport management, within the master's degree in Health & Human Performance. Third, the ACHE Commission will be asked to approve a name change for the Department of Sociology to the Department of Sociology and Family Studies. Last, is a proposal to approve a certificate in Family Life Education for the Department of Sociology.

New Faculty Introduction

Margaret "Peggy" Bergeron, former UNA Senior Clinical Nurse/Health Educator with UNA Health Services since 2007, has moved to a position as instructor in the College of Nursing and Allied Health. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1995 and a Master of Science degree in nursing from UNA in 2010. Prior to her appointment in nursing, she was an adjunct faculty member with the College of Nursing and Allied Health as a clinical supervisor. Peggy is married to Wayne Bergeron, who is interim chair and instructor in the UNA Department of Criminal Justice. They have three children, Josh who is a senior at LSU, and Lauren and Connor who both attend Kilby Laboratory School.

Fall Enrollment

The headcount enrollment for fall 2012 is 7,053. The comparable number for fall 2011 was 7,182. Undergraduate enrollment in 2011 was 6,185 and in 2012 it was 6,119. Graduate enrollment in 2011 was 997 and in 2012 it was 934. The number of incoming freshmen grew from 891 in Fall 2011 to 1,040 in Fall 2012.

Interesting Statistic from OIRPA

As mentioned at the opening meeting of the school year, UNA graduation rates are low and need to be addressed. Yet, the number of students participating in commencement remains high. OIRPA's (Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment) investigation of that disparity reveals that about 66% of students who graduate in a given year are transfer or non-traditional students. That is further evidence that we now serve a very different student population and our programs and services will need to adapt to that change.



Fortune Cookie at the Rice Box

Relationships are like fingers of your hand. "One" cannot do much. (This applies to work as well.)

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