

**SHARED GOVERNANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2020  
3:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM**

The Shared Governance Executive Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, via Zoom. The following members were present: Ms. Bliss Adkison, Dr. Ross Alexander, Mr. Tate Gooch, Dr. Andrea Hunt, Dr. Molly Mathis, Dr. Vicki Pierce, Dr. Terry Richardson, Mr. Jarrod Russell, Mr. Evan Thornton, and Dr. Laura Williams. In the absence of Dr. Leah Whitten, Vice Chair Michelle Nelson presided.

Call of Meeting to Order

Dr. Nelson called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Gooch and second by Dr. Richardson, the agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of the E-Business of October 5 and October 13, 2020

On motion by Dr. Richardson and second by Dr. Hunt, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Report from the Chair

There was no report.

Reconciliation of Differences on Employee Search Process Recommendations (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement) – Approved by Faculty Senate; Staff Senate approved a revised policy that had been requested of Ron Patterson

On motion by Dr. Richardson, second by Dr. Williams, and unanimous approval, the revised proposal was accepted for transmittal to President Kitts for approval.

Graduate Grading Policy; Policies for Proposals, Acceptance, and Use of Externally Funded Grants and Contracts and Policies for the Conduct of Research; Research Misconduct Policy; and Revised Patent Policy

Having favorably been approved through the shared governance process and the respective constituent groups, Dr. Richardson made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Gooch and unanimously approved to accept the proposals for transmittal to President Kitts for approval.

Information Item: Revisions to Faculty Handbook – Department Chair

On 10-4-20, this item was withdrawn from consideration by the Originator (Sara Lynn Baird), in favor of forming a working group to address the issues in the affected department

This was an information item that required no action from the Committee.

Proposal from SGA for Revision of UNA Parking Regulations for Freshman Commuters

Dr. Richardson made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Pierce and unanimously approved to consider this an item to be reviewed by the Parking and Traffic Committee, the Faculty Senate, and the Staff Senate. Following a brief discussion, Dr. Richardson made a motion to reconsider the proposal that was seconded by Dr. Pierce and unanimously approved. Dr. Richardson made a subsequent motion that was seconded by Dr. Pierce and unanimously approved to consider this an item to be reviewed by the Parking and Traffic Committee for return to the SGEN prior to transmittal to the Faculty Senate and Staff Senate,

Information Item: Resolution from SGA to Recognize and Commend UNA Health Services and COVID-19 Recovery Task Force (CRTF)

This was an information item that required no action from the Committee. However, Dr. Richardson publicly thanked and commended the SGA for developing the resolution, encouraging Faculty Senate and Staff Senate to follow suit.

Comments from Constituent Representatives

For the SGA and Staff Senate, there were no reports. For the Faculty Senate, Dr. Williams reported the following: Faculty Senate plans to develop a workgroup, chaired by Dr. Ross Alexander, to address issues in the affected department that prompted proposed Faculty Handbook revisions relative to department chairs (co-chairs); and Faculty Senate was granted a 45-day extension on the Sexual Misconduct Policy to allow for Town Hall Meetings to answer an array of questions. For the faculty, Dr. Richardson again acknowledged his appreciation to SGA for the COVID-19 response resolution and offered praise to the students for their display of responsibility in light of the COVID-19 restrictions. Further, Dr. Richardson publicly thanked the Administration for its stellar efforts in university operations during this tumultuous year which allowed employees to maintain their positions and benefits, unlike many other institutions. For the Administration, Mr. Thornton reported that meetings will be held this week with the State Finance Director to appeal for a favorable allocation in next year's budget, and Dr. Alexander reported promising news may be forthcoming in the form of local financial support.

Dr. Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Gooch seconded the motion. With no objections, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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Dr. Michelle Nelson, Vice Chairperson