Thursday, June 20, 2019  
UC 208 at 10:00am

I. Call to Order  
- Meeting called to order by Kassie Thibodeaux at 10:05 am

II. Approval of Minutes  
- Minutes have not been posted so they could not be voted on.

II. Executive Committee Reports  
   a. President - Kassie Thibodeaux  
      - Nothing to report
   b. Vice-President - Leslie Lindsey  
      - Nothing to report
   c. Treasurer - Carol Mitton  
      - Credit Union balance – $5.42  
      - Foundation spending balance – $297.87, will have $58 allocated for this year to make the total $355.87  
      - Foundation principal balance – $10,243.19  
      - General fund – $1,750
   d. Recording Secretary – vacant  
      - No report
   e. Corresponding Secretary – Kristy Askam  
      - Nothing to report

V. Committee Reports  
   a. Membership/Elections Committee  
      - No report
   c. Staff Concerns Committee  
      - Email received last month concerning the state of the cleanliness of bathrooms in the PEC  
        o New student orientation is beginning and doesn’t look good to have unclean bathrooms  
        o Dave Richardson forwarded email to Deborah Hadaway (UNO Facility Services) & Don Winterton (Sodexo)  
           - Both are recently new to their positions  
           - Received a response that this is being addressed
   c. Events Committee
No report

d. Awards Committee

No report

V. New Business
a. Nominations for counselors and Elections

- Asked for nominations for officers
  - Only nomination was for Kassie to remain as President

VI. Guest Speaker

- Dr. Nicklow
  - Campus Improvement
    - Elevator in Engineering will be worked on
    - Chillers are being replaced
      - Once completed and still having problems with rooms being too hot, contact Deborah in Facility Services
    - Directional signs around campus are being taken down to be repainted
  - Enrollment
    - Enrollment across the country is either flat or down (student graduations are down)
    - Looking a best practices across the country to increase enrollment
      - Need to find creative ways to increase enrollment
    - 2 ½% increase in spring enrollment
    - 9% increase in first year retainage
    - Up 25% in fall applications
      - Nearly doubled the increase in applications over the last three years
      - Increased applications from within Louisiana as well as from California, Illinois and New York
  - Research
    - Projecting a 5% increase this year
    - Based on expenditures and not awards
  - Fund raising
    - Goal is 7 million dollars, most for scholarships
    - Looking for donations for repairs as well
  - Strategic Plan
    - Called Impact UNO
    - Will be done by December
    - Divided into 4 areas
  - Certificate Programs
    - Board of Regents approved 6 undergraduate certificate programs
    - Working on approval for Construction Management program
      - Reached out to LSU to partner with them, but fell through
      - Received approval from the Board for Letter of Intent for the program
        - Goal – pilot program in fall 2020
  - Food Services - Chartwell to replace Aramark on July 1st
  - Legislative Session
    - Plan to reinvest in higher education
      - Included $9 million to absorb part of the increase in mandatory cost increases in retirement
        - Covers about half of the increase for all schools
        - UNO to receive about $200,000
• Bienville Hall
  • Priority 2 by the Board to have taken down
  • Should begin tearing down this year, will need remediation
  • Hines looking for funding options to build a school on the location

• UNO budget
  • Based on formula funding
  • Current cut to next year’s budget – between $500,000 and $650,000 (Dr. Nicklow working to reduce the cut, was originally higher)
  • UNO is considered a high cost institution
    o Current expenses based on pre-Katrina enrollment (can’t reduce some costs such as electricity, mowing, etc. even though enrollment is half)

• Master Planning
  • Look at space usage
  • Campaign for Donations

  o Questions
    • Admission by Exception, recent news story
      • Percent of students allowed to be admitted without following admission guidelines
        o LSU allowed 4%; UNO 6%
      • After review of a large number of “potential” exceptions, UNO’s rate was actually 5.5%
        o Potential exceptions included some data entry errors and related to foreign student enrollments
      • LSU’s actual exception rate was nearly double their allowed rate
        o The Board will assess LSU’s exceptions and UNO will interpret the Board’s response

• Chartwell availability of food during the breaks
  • At least some food will be available
  • Initially will continue with current food offerings but Chic-Fil-a will become full service and there will be new food options in the Cove
  • Contract Selection Team visited McNeese (currently has Chartwell) to eat at their version of the Galley – they liked the food

• Sodexo services
  • Don Winterton is recently hired and has given him time to settle in
  • Landscaping and pool maintenance are now being outsourced – saves money
  • Will be addressing cleanliness on campus
  • UNO’s contract is not being paying for top service but current service is not the level in the contract
  • Requesting feedback from the campus

• Library parking lot – large holes
  • Asked Deborah to do an assessment and to fill the deepest holes as a priority
  • Understand it is a temporary fix
  • Looking into replacing the lot with a permeable option – discussing with the Sewer and Water Board
  • Also looking at the Engineering and Ben Franklin lots for repair/replace
  • Have prioritized fixing roofs

  o Requested that staff talk to students, visitors about UNO
VII. Old Business
- Asked for volunteers to serve on committees

VIII. Next Meeting – Thursday, July 18, 2019; UC 208 at 10AM

IX. Adjourn
- Adjournment at about 10:50 am