SHARED GOVERNANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 31, 2022
3:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM

The Shared Governance Executive Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 31, 2022, via Zoom. The following members were present: Dr. Ross Alexander, Ms. Melissa Bolton, Dr. Molly Mathis, Dr. Kristi Oden, Dr. Vicki Pierce, Dr. Cheryl Price, Dr. Terry Richardson, Mr. Jake Statom,

Tab 4 – Approved Policies Retained, Revisions Proposed: as noted in the previous SGEC meeting, these could be distributed to the appropriate SG Committee for review because these policies contain recommended revisions (see attached proposal).
Tab 5 – Documents that are named Policies but they are really Procedures (per the statement in Appendix B of the Policy Task Force Recommendations): SGEC could agree that these policies should be returned to the appropriate office and renamed procedures.
Tab 6 – Policies that should be Rescinded: There is only one of these, and SGEC could agree that this policy should be rescinded.
Tab 7 – Policies unable to categorize: ??

Upon motion by Dr. Watson, second by Dr. Richardson, and unanimous approval, it was agreed that the SGEC would tackle the report one tab at a time, beginning with Tab 1, with the concurrence that because these policies contain recommended revisions, they be distributed to the appropriate shared governance committee for review (as outlined in the attached spreadsheet at Tab 1). It was reported that the policies contained in Tab 1 would be entered into the iContracts software and a workflow developed to route the policies to the appropriate shared governance committee and constituent groups.

Proposal from the Multicultural Advisory Committee for an Addition to its Committee Charge

Dr. Price moved approval and Dr. Oden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request from the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering Concerning Faculty Workload as it Relates to Team/Co-Teaching

Dr. Alexander made a motion and Dr. Watson seconded the motion to present this request to the Faculty Senate as a faculty only issue. The motion was approved unanimously.

Comments from Constituent Representatives

For the SGA, Mr. Statom reported that the Tobacco Free Policy Proposal was tabled at the last SGA meeting and should come up for a vote at the next meeting. Mr. Thornton announced Melissa Bolton as the new Staff Senate President, replacing Michael Smith following his resignation, and praised her for taking on the position with very little time to shadow the previous President. For the Staff Senate, Ms. Bolton reported that Brian Ford was elected as Staff Senate Vice President and the Tobacco Free Policy Proposal will be considered at the February 14 meeting. For the Faculty Senate, Dr. Watson reported that some policy proposals are still in committee and Faculty Senate is awaiting the outcome. For the Administration, Dr. Alexander reported the following: spring enrollment is trending at a 6.5% increase year over year which portends to record enrollment for the 12th consecutive semester; positive indicators with summer and fall enrollments; a key committee from SACSCOC supported the University's request for a degree level change necessary to confer doctoral degrees, with no recommendations or suggestions; and the omicron variant is trending downward on campus. Additionally, Mr. Thornton reported that the Governor's budget recommendation for an increase of $3.5 million in

the state appropriation does not come close to bridging the gap that continues to separate UNA from peer state institutions, and he noted that plans are underway to engage with lawmakers in the House and Senate in hopes of getting additional funds added to the state portion of the University's budget before decisions are finalized. He further noted that if significant progress is not made in securing additional funding, the University will have significant problems balancing the budget.

Upon motion by Dr. Richardson and second by Dr. Alexander, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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Dr. Andrea Hunt, Chairperson