President’s Communiqué
Dr. Ken Kitts
November 2, 2016

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Colleagues: I hope this message finds you well. As we head into the last six weeks of the fall
semester, I thought this would be a good opportunity to provide you with an update on important
changes and developments of interest to our campus community.

Enrollment: With all data reported and locked, our final headcount for this fall was 7,492, an increase
of 414 students over last year. As part of this record, UNA also welcomed a record freshman class, a
record number of students living on campus, and a record number of graduate students. It is
important to sustain this good momentum, and with that in mind we are monitoring registrations for
Spring 2017. We budget for the fiscal year based on a projection that spring enrollment will be
approximately 92% of fall enrollment (winter graduation always means lower numbers in the spring).
Surpassing that mark will generate additional funding for items identified as priorities by the Strategic
Planning and Budget Study Committee. Looking further ahead, the staff in the Office of Admissions is
already working hard on the entering class of Fall 2017. We have a great opportunity to help that
cause by showcasing our people and programs to prospective students at fall Preview Day this
Saturday, November 5.

Searches: The search for the next VPAA and Provost is getting organized under the leadership of Dr.
Brenda Webb, who has accepted my invitation to chair the search committee. Other committee
members include the following: Dr. Dan Hallock, Dr. Scott Infanger, Dr. Katie Kinney, and Dr. Laura
Williams (Faculty Senate Appointees); Dr. Matt Price (Staff Senate Appointee); Nick Smith (SGA
Representative); Dean Vicki Pierce (COAD Representative); VP David Shields (EC Representative); and
Dr. Terrance Brown, Leigh Stanfield, and Cassie Morgan (presidential appointees). We are working
now to finalize the job advertisement with the goal of having it posted in the next few weeks. Stay
tuned for updates and an invitation to meet candidates once we get to the campus interview stage.
The search for the new VP for Business and Financial Affairs will begin early in the spring semester.

Budgetary Items: At its meeting in September, the UNA Board of Trustees approved a budget for FY
2017 that includes a cost-of-living adjustment of 3.0% for all regular faculty and staff who were on the
payroll as of September 16, 2016. The COLA will take effect on December 1. In Montgomery, we are
working with our local delegation and governmental relations representatives to make the case for an3(r)-3(a)5(d)4(u)4(a)5(te s)8(tu)4c(a)16(l)32 427.15 461] TJ

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SACS: Dr. Leah Graham of the Department of Politics, Justice, and Law has accepted an offer to