

**STAFF SENATE MEETING**  
**April 15, 2010**

**Present:** Susan Babb, Kimberly Blair, Debra Ann Brown, Carmen Davis, Marijane Garrett, Linda Hall, Sharon Harber, William Harbin, Janet Hargrow, Melvin Horton, Virginia Huss, Linda Hyatt, Phyllis Johnson, Judith Knight, Patsy Krech, Barbara Kyker, Becky McCoy, Julia Rhodes, Sherri Stephens, Joyce Stevenson, Joann Waddell.

**Guests:** Jim Lippy and James Hudson

**Excused:** Sandra Barksdale, Melissa Buchner, Amy Cable, Dorothy Colburn, Ladonnal Curry, John Farrell, Brad Frewin, Sandy Guntharp, Karen Newman, Jean Rakow, Belinda Scott, Ryan Seidner, CaSandra Hughes, Kimberly Wilson, and Brenda Woods.

**Unexcused:** Ali Bandy, Karen Bell, Susan Elliott

Meeting was called to order by President Babb with 21 Senators present.

It was motioned to approve the March 2010 minutes by Senator Knight and seconded by Senator Rhodes.

Senator Babb asked for roll call.

Senator Babb talked about projects: Central Avenue building, MATA Shuttle, Bonuses, Faculty Buyout.

- ▶ Central Avenue project is still in its early stages.
- ▶ MATA toured the campus in regards to a shuttle on campus. A transportation survey was sent out and results are being reviewed.
- ▶ Bonus – 3% bonus is unlikely. David Zettergren will be addressing the executive council regarding bonuses in the amount of \$300.00 and \$500.00. This would have to be considered by President Raines and then the Chancellor.
- ▶ Faculty Buyout is still in its early stages (no approvals).

**Executive Committee Reports**

●Membership/Election Committee - Senator Knight said that Senator Bell and Senator Curry are also working on the clusters. She said an email would go out today or tomorrow asking employees to opt out if they are not interested in serving as a Senator. All they have to do is click on the hyperlink and the response will go to Senator Knight. Physical Plant department will have a hard copy. The deadline will be a week from today or tomorrow. Senator Knight also thanked Senator Garrett for her work on the web page. Senator Babb said we haven't had this process to opt out in the past but it would save a lot of time.

●Public Relations – Senator Horton said the Staff Appreciation Day celebration will be **May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the University Center.** There will be games and a carnival theme. The menu is listed below:

Hamburgers	Ice Cream	Cheese Tray
Corn Dogs	Popcorn	Veggie Trays
Artichoke/Spinach Dip	Hot Dogs	Peanuts
	Fruit Trays	Cake

**Question:** Will volunteers be needed?

**Answer:** **Yes.** Senator Horton stated he would send out an email regarding volunteers. Anyone that would like to help with the planning can meet today at 3:00 p.m. in the Physical Plant conference room #310.

●Issues & Review – Senator Garrett stated that a policy link will be posted that has current policy changes. Please look at the changes and if you have any questions, please email Melissa. Senator Garrett will post and let our constituents know about the policy changes. If you have any information you want added to the pages, please let her know.

●Legislative Advisory – No Report

●Campus Safety – No Report

●Facilities – No Report

●Fee Refund appeals – No Report

●1<sup>st</sup> Year Experience – No Report

●Dining Services – No Report

●Space Planning – No Report

●By-Laws – No Report

●Traffic & Parking – No Report

●1<sup>st</sup> Friday – No Report

●Sustainability – No Report

●UC Advisory – No Report

●U of M Giving – No Report

## **Guest Speaker: Andrew Trippel -Community Liaison for the University of Memphis**

Mr. Trippel gave a presentation on the University District Initiative. He said it is a partnership between the University of Memphis, neighborhood groups, public and private entities. This is the fourth year of the initiative. The purpose is to revitalize the University district and make it appealing to prospective students and their parents. He said appearance is very important and a student or parent will generally make their decision within 15 minutes when coming on campus.

Rational:

### Sense of Place/Quality of Life

- Dr. Raines' commitment to the University
- Attraction/retention of faculty, staff and students
- Modeling behavior and engaged scholarship

### Metropolitan University

- Unique environment, challenges and resources
- Local partnerships for success

Framework for Action:

### Strategic Plans

- Sense of Place
- Research and Creativity
- Student Success
- Partnership

### 2010 University of Memphis Priority Areas

- Urban Design (Stratum)
- Transportation and Connectivity (bookstore, railroad improvement)
- Arts and Culture

### **University District Initiative 2010: Working on Improvements:**

Maps on Highland/Walker area

Landscaping and general improvements

Working on the Stratum

Removing of old light poles

Hanging banners (Your Place to Live), (Your Place to Work), (Your Place to Study) and (Your Place to Play)

Students helping with community clean-up

\*Big Project: Walker Avenue project

Reorganizing parking – pedestrian friendly – 12ft. wide side walk

Addition of Trees and Banners

### **Transit and Connectivity**

West side of Highland Street re: Bookstore

## **University Neighborhood Archives**

University can give back to the community and preserve it. You can drop office pictures, letter etc.

**Question:** Senator Davis asked if they were going to use the same graphics for the banners?

**Answer:** Mr. Trippel stated that they are still working on the location and graphics.

**Question:** Is anyone working with the Greek organizations?

**Yes.** Libby Shelton and Linda Arnold are developing guidelines for Greek organizations so they can improve their areas. Senator Rhodes stated that the Greeks have advisors to help with their guidelines.

**Question:** Senator Stephens wanted to know about the trash on the grounds. Also, if more garbage cans could be placed on campus and emptied daily.

**Answer:** Well, the garbage cans are very expensive.

**Statement:** Senator Huss suggested that an Art Gallery be put in the bottom of the Stratum.

**Question:** Senator Harber wanted to know who would be responsible for keeping the area looking nice, who would maintain it?

**Answer:** Mr. Trippel said the Business Alliance is responsible for maintaining the area. Money goes into a maintenance funds for the upkeep.

**Question:** Senator Hall wanted to know if the Highland/Spotswood area is still in the plan for redevelopment.

**Answer:** **Yes.** It is in the plan.

**Statement:** Senator Harbin visited the University of Alabama and encouraged us to go and visit different colleges/universities and see what they are doing on their campuses.

Meeting was adjourned by President Babb

**Next Meeting – May 20, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.  
New University Center, Room #261**