

## Staff Senate

11/18/2010

**Present:** Susan Babb, Jeanett Ballentine, Mary Beasley, Kimberly Blair, Melody Bridgeford, Annette Brown, Debra Ann Brown, Melissa Buchner, Hugh Busby, Amy Cable, Ladonnal Curry, John Farrell, MJ Garrett, Heather Hampton, Sharon Harber, Robynn Hopkins, CaSandra Hughes, Virginia Huss, Bobby Ping, Patsy Krech, Barbara Kyker, Katie Linn, Becky McCoy, Karen Newman, Jean Rakow, Tyrone Ray, Julie Rhodes, Hermes Rosa, Belinda Scott, Ryan Seidner, Norma Shelton, Patricia Taylor, Minghui Wang, Faye Wilson, Kim Wilson, Brenda Woods

**Excused:** Lyndie Flippo, Brad Frewin, Lavaire Lockhart, Joann Waddell, Jennifer Walker

**Unexcused:** Dorothy Colburn, Herbert McCree, Amanda Hatchett, Linda Hyatt, Teresa Jones, Joyce Stevenson, Jeff Story, Geraldine Taylor

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Cable.

Introductions were made around the room in place of roll call.

A motion was made to approve the October minutes by Senator Kim Wilson and seconded by Senator Robynn Hopkins. The minutes will be posted to the webpage.

Budget Update – We currently have \$8,758.28 in our account.

### Committee Reports

- Issues & Review
- Legislative Advisory
- Campus Safety and Security – have not met
- Facilities and Services- Two buildings have been brought up for renaming, no decisions were made. The Central Avenue project will begin in the Summer.
- Fee Refunds and Appeals
- First Year Experience
- Food Services/Dining
- Public Records and Forms
- Space Planning – no meeting
- Traffic and Parking – no meeting
- Policy and Review – no meeting
- Sustainability – Today is America Recycles Day. A shred day will take place in December and will involve a shredding truck for confidential items. The truck will be on main campus half the day and on the Park Avenue Campus half the day.
- First Friday- There will no longer be forums scheduled on the first Friday. Instead they will be called as needed. Forums regarding the strategic plan, budget, etc are planned to take place in the future.
- Bylaws committee- no report

T-shirts are here. Pick up at the end of the meeting.

Food Drive – we partnered with the Junior Optimist Club at Campus School for a Poster Contest. Nearly half the school entered the contest. Staff senate purchased medals for the contest (\$36). Emails will be going out for the food drive soon. Contact Julie Rhodes or Barbara Kyker for questions or if you want a donation box for your building. The deadline to drop off items is the President's Open House on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

MJ Garrett gave a presentation of the three email programs that are being considered for faculty/staff emails (not necessarily the same as the student side). Decisions have not been made yet and if changes are made, they won't take place until next summer at the earliest.

Hugh Busby gave an update on the ESAC committee. Some of the things discussed at their last meeting: they are testing doors in the UC to see about the compatibility with student IDs; new Tiger Text is coming to replace the current system; the overall campus network will be upgraded to gigabit speed.

Next month there will be a suggestion box available where you can drop ideas for future meetings. Dr. Raines will attend our January meeting. Bobby Prince will speak at the February Meeting.

Cedar Nordbye from Faculty Senate spoke about Staff and Faculty Senates working together on key issues. One that is very important to him is for the University to adopt a Livable Wage. This is the minimum amount needed to support a family, which varies by city and is higher than minimum wage. Mr. Nordbye stated that the livable wage for a family of four in Memphis with two wage earners is \$11.65/hr. Another issue he brought up is extending benefits to same sex partners.

- Senators are to each do their own research regarding these issues and discuss at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.