

STAFF SENATE MEETING

Aug 18, 2011

Present: Linda Arnold, Jeanett Ballentine, Mary Beasley, Brigitte Billeaudeau, Kimberly Blair, Karen Bradley, Ann Brock, Annette Rhodes, Hugh Busby, Pamela Chambers, Leroy Conway, John Farrell, Brad Frewin, MJ Garrett, Heather Hampton, Robynn Hopkins, Virginia Huss, Teresa Jones, Lisa Justen, Bobby King, Patsy Krech, Cynthia Martin, Kutanya Niter, Christopher Ratliff, Tyrone Ray, Angela Robinson, Ryan Seidner, Jeff Story, Shelby Tate, Jennifer Walker, Minghui Wang, Lofton Wilborn,

Excused: Ruthie Bassford, Sharon Beasley, Richard Bibb, Melody Bridgeford, Ladonnal Curry, Hilary DeLuco, Ernestine Harris, Michael Houston, Lavaire Lockhart, Mary Mansour, Hermes Rosa, Norma Shelton, Patricia Taylor, Geraldine Taylor, Letonia Williams, Faye Wilson

Unexcused:

Meeting was called to order by President Huss.

A motion was made to accept the July minutes by Senator Mary Beasley and seconded by Senator Jeanette Ballentine to approve the minutes as written.

New Business:

Senator Ballentine passed a roster for volunteers to participate in the **Ask Me Campaign** effort.

Senator Hopkins and Senator Jones talked about a new State of Tennessee campaign named Healthy You which involved a effort to make the University of Memphis a **“Tobacco Free”** campus. This would prohibit the use of all forms of tobacco products to include smoking cigarettes, snuff, and chewing tobacco. MTSU and Austin Peay University has already adopted this policy. There was a study conducted to find out how the effects of secondhand smoke and the number of smoke breaks as well as sick leave time off affected work productivity. It showed that there was a relationship between these variables- it was mentioned that it took atleast two hours or more alone for Physical Plant landscaping employees to pick up cigarette butts tossed on the ground around campus! A motion to support the effort encouraging the University to become a Tobacco Free Campus passed with Senator Farrell and Senator Martin respectively motioning first and second. To find out more about this effort and how MTSU became tobacco free at: www.mtsu.edu/tobacco-free.shtml

The New Outlook Email system- Still some kinks to work out- connectivity issues were brought up- some Senators expressed concerns about trying to sync their phones with email- found that compatibility with Blackberry phones were okay but usability cumbersome.

Central Ave. renovations- when would they be complete- the renovations are due to be complete before Fall classes begin or by the Friday of the first week of classes.

Parking Fees Increased for both Priority and General Parking- issues with availability of parking spaces were brought up- an inquiry for an update on matters concerning this, Campus Shuttle Bus Fees through Payroll Deduction and any other issues will be presented to the Traffic & Parking Issues and Review Committee.

Centennial Celebration Calendar of Events- www.memphis.edu/centennial

Homecoming Parade- Scheduled earlier this year, in September! View SAC’s Calendar of Events at this link: www.memphis.edu/sac/homecoming

T-Shirts for new senators-may have to purchase some- need sizes for senators that do not currently have a shirt and would like one-

Staff Senate lapel pins- they need to be located-will check with the President's office fir
Issues/Concerns

Kronos- Senator Niter expressed a concern about Physical Plant employees that leave off campus to go to lunch having to clock out/in for the time that they are away, but none of the other employees taking a lunch break that remain on campus having to clock out. Senator Lockhart, Chair of the Issues and Reviews Committee will be notified of this matter to look into further.

Committee Reports:

Budget- 4,000.00 carry forward in Sept/Oct 300.00 needed to order tent cards (name cards)

Legislative – No

By-Laws – No Report

Public Relations – No Report

Election – Election process is finalized.

Membership – No Report

ESAC – No Report

Campus Safety & Security – No Report

Facilities & Services – (Senator Justen has volunteered to be on this committee)

Fee Refunds & Appeals – No Report

1st Year Experience – No Report

Food Services/Dining – No Report

Public Records & Forms – No Report

Space Planning – No Report

Traffic & Parking – (refer to New Business segment)

Policy & Review – No Report

Sustainability – No Report

U of M Giving – No Report

Questions/Concerns- (refer to New Business segment)

President Huss stated her appreciation for the outpouring of volunteers for the committees.

Meeting was adjourned by President Huss.