

Staff Senate

01/20/11

Present: Susan Babb, Jeannett Ballentine, Mary Beasley, Kimberly Blair, Melody Bridgeford, Annette Brown, Debra Ann Brown, Hugh Busby, Amy Cable, Dorothy Colburn, John Farrell, Brad Frewin, MJ Garrett, Heather Hampton, Sharon Harber, Robynn Hopkins, Teresa Jones, Bobby King, Patsy Krech, Barbara Kyker, Katie Linn, Lavaire Lockhart, Becky McCoy, Karen Newman, Jean Rakow, Tyrone Ray, Julie Rhodes, Belinda Scott, Ryan Seidner, Norma Shelton, Joyce Stevenson, Jeff Story, Patricia Taylor, Joann Waddell, Jennifer Walker, Faye Wilson, Kim Wilson, Brenda Woods

Excused: Melissa Buchner, CaSandra Hughes, Virginia Huss, Linda Hyatt, Hermes Rosa, Geraldine Taylor, Minghui Wang

Unexcused: Ladonnal Curry, Sandy Guntharp, Herbert McCree

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Cable.

Amy Cable welcomed Dr. Raines and David Zettergren. Dr. Raines made a presentation to the staff senate that can be found online at http://www.memphis.edu/presweb/pdfs/01.20.2011_Staff_Senate.pdf. It included information about the vision for 2012, goals of the strategic plan, Academic Affairs strategic priorities, budget information, and 100 year anniversary celebration. Dr. Raines also answered questions from the Staff Senate:

- What are your feelings on the Livable Wage Campaign? Although there are some individuals whose salaries fall below a livable wage, we are fighting for raises for all employees and will continue to manage our budgets in the most responsible way possible.
- Does Tiger Dining offer faculty/staff meal plans? Yes, they do. There are meal plans you can purchase, or you can also load up your card with dining dollars. You can find more information on the tiger dining website.
- Can we expand the parking lots on Zach Curlin? We are currently working on a parking assessment. MLGW owns the parking lots that are on the east side of Zach Curlin, so we can't expand them. We are working on parking enhancements elsewhere on campus.
- Will the city/county merger impact Campus School? Regardless of whether Memphis and Shelby County Schools are merged, there will be little to no change at Campus School.
- Will there be another buy out? Our current financial situation does not permit a staff buyout to be in our foreseeable future.
- If there are any additional questions, Dr. Raines can be reached at sraines@memphis.edu.

Roll call was taken.

Senators Julie Rhodes and Barbara Kyker gave an update on the Food Drive. This year we collected 1,649 lbs, which is nearly double last year's 892 lbs.

Committee Reports

- Budget – Current budget is \$8,312.71 but we are still missing an invoice. Amy will do some research to determine how much will be available for the upcoming staff appreciation day.
- Issues & Review – no report
- Legislative Advisory – no report
- Campus Safety and Security – no meeting
- Facilities and Services – no meeting
- Fee Refunds and Appeals – no meeting
- First Year Experience – no report

- Food Services/Dining – no meeting
- Public Records and Forms – no report
- Space Planning – no meeting
- Traffic and Parking – Met and discussed general parking information.
- Policy and Review – no report
- Sustainability – One of the items we recycle is toner and often the toner hasn't even been opened. Watch the website for a list of available toner. If it fits your printer, you're welcome to come pick it up.
- Bylaws committee
- ESAC – Starting in February there will be an upgrade to the network. They hope to be finished by Fall 2011. There will also be an upgrade to Blackboard and Resource 25.
- Living Wage Campaign – no report

A suggestion box will be available at the back of the room for every staff senate meeting. Please feel free to leave ideas/input for the meetings.

Bobby Prince will speak about Annual Giving in February.

Staff Appreciation Day will be either May 17 or 18. Please begin talking to your boss and let him/her know that we will need all senators to participate in some way. We will be expanding on the carnival idea this year and will have some "Minute to Win It" types of games. Email Senator Julie Rhodes at jrhodes@memphis.edu if you have any ideas for activities that day.

The vendor is on campus to do the wellness screenings today, Friday January 21, Tuesday January 25 and Wednesday January 26 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Walk-ins are welcome.

A motion was made to approve the December minutes by Senator Robynn Hopkins and seconded by Senator Julie Rhodes. The minutes will be posted to the webpage.

Meeting was adjourned.