

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Vice President/President Elect Virginia Huss. The roll call and approval of minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting to allow this month's speaker, Athletic Director R.C. Johnson to begin his presentation.

After introducing his administrative staff of Associate Athletic Directors, Mr. Johnson discussed funding for Athletics as well as the increased gpa's and graduation rate of the student athletes. There are currently 360 athletes on scholarships that Athletics covers from their budget. As tuition fees rise, the departments budgetary needs also increase. The Athletic budget is \$38 million, only \$1.4 million of that is covered by State funding, the balance being dependent upon fundraising, the annual campaign just started should generate \$7 million (is this amt correct?). The UofM "Ambassadors" also contribute to funding by giving \$.5 million (need to check on this figure with you also) each to be an Ambassador. Six UofM sports played in post-season events this past year, Women's Softball, Soccer, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Baseball, Golf.

Questions from the staff senators were:

How much will Athletics contribute to the Centennial Celebration? – Athletics is included in funding for the \$250 million celebration.

Are retirees eligible for discounts on tickets? Yes, it is a process that is verified by Human Resources for eligible retirees to be discounted ½ price on the first 2 tickets for basketball, and the 1st 4 tickets for football.

If athletes are eligible for Pell Grants along with their scholarship dollars, is that Pell money held to the maximum amount of financial aid awarded? Most definitely, the Athletic Dept. strictly adheres to federal regulations and along with the UofM Financial Aid Dept. makes certain the amount of dollars awarded is within the guidelines.

The roll was called with 27 senators present. **Present:** Susan Babb, Jeannet Ballentine, Mary Beasley, Kimberly Blair, Melody Bridgford, Annette Brown, Hugh Busby, Dorothy Colburn, Ladonnal Curry, MJ Garrett, Heather Hampton, Sharon Harber, Robynn Hopkins, Virginia Huss, Linda Hyatt, Bobby King, Barbara Kyker, Lavaire Lockhart, Tyrone Ray, Hermes Rosa, Ryan Seidner, Joyce Stevenson, Geraldine Taylor, Joann Waddell, Jennifer Walker, Ming Wang, Faye Wilson.

Absent: Debra Ann Brown, Melissa Buchner, Sandy Guntharp, CaSandra Hughes, Teresa Jones, Becky McCoy, Herbert McCree, Karen Newman, Julie Rhodes, Norma Shelton, Jeff Story, Patricia Taylor, and Brenda Woods.

Excused: Amy Cable, John Farrell, Brad Frewin, Patsy Krech, Katie Linn, Belinda Scott, and Kim Wilson.

Committee Reports

Election Committee: Senator Curry asked that everyone encourage voting for the new senators which ends tomorrow (Friday, 6/17). She expects to have the results ready by next Wednesday. There were no other committee reports.

A motion to approve the May Minutes was given by Senator Faye Wilson and seconded by Senator Busby.

Senator Huss thanked all of the senators who will be rolling off for the upcoming year and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be July 21, 2011