

**STAFF SENATE MEETING**  
**January 19, 2012**

**Present:** Jeannette Ballentine, Mary Beasley, Sharon Beasley, Brigitte Billeaudeau, Kimberly Blair, Karen Bradley, Melody Bridgeford, Ann Brock, Annette Rhodes, Hugh Busby, Pamela Chambers, Leroy Conway, John Farrell, Marijane Garrett, Heather Hampton, Robynn Hopkins, Virginia Huss, Lisa Justen, Bobby King, Patsy Krech, Lavaire Lockhart, Cynthia Martin, Kutanya Niter, Angela Robinson, Ryan Seidner, Jeff Story, Shelby Tate, Minghui Wang, Lofton Wilborn, Pamela Williams

**Excused:** Teresa Jones, Mary Mansour, Linda Arnold, Jennifer Walker

**Unexcused:**

Meeting was called to order by President Huss. There was no meeting in December, 2011.

**New Business:**

**Memphis Healthy U Initiative-** Senator Hopkins announces that January 24 at 11:30 in the UC Atrium there will be a kickoff of the Memphis Healthy U Initiative- Take the Stairs instead of the elevator! Wellness Seminars in UC- t-shirts, stickers, pledge forms, and BMI, Blood Pressure tests available for those interested- also, staff can participate in a free Zumba Class!

**Physical Plant Recycle Program-** Amelia Mayahi to speak to the Senate in March, maybe earlier if schedule allows for February.

**Old Business:**

**Staff Appreciation Day-** We Need Volunteers so that we can begin planning- Senators Brigitte Billeaudeau, Leroy Conway, Pamela Williams, Lisa Justen, Robynn Hopkins, Kutanya Niter have volunteered so far. (No Date has been set as of yet).

**Holiday Food Drive Report-** Physical Plant Delivered 368 lbs. in Food Drive Donations!

**Dining Dollars Charge for Staff-** Senator Justen announced that nothing will change about the charge, anyone who registers for 12 undergraduate hours or more will pay the fee.

- It was announced that Lambuth students must also pay the fee, but at this time have no dining facility in operation on campus.
- U of M is the only TBR institution charging its' students a mandatory dining dollar fee
- If you do not use it, it would convert over to Tiger Funds, which you could then use to pay the next semesters' dining dollar fees. You can roll them from one semester to the

next using this method up and until graduation, provided you do not spend any of the money. Essentially, you would be paying it one time with the opportunity to request a refund of the 300.00, minus a 5.00 check-processing fee.

**Memorial Name Plate for Susan Babb-** Foundation Funds will cover the cost as announced by Senator Hopkins.

**Speaker:** Jean Rakow on The University of Memphis' Strategic Plan

- More or less provided information concerning contacts and where to find it
- The Process for the Facilitation Committee is to: Review plan- take to the President- Brainstorm and bounce ideas- Ultimately submit to TBR for final approval
- Going from Performance Based to Outcome Based
- Strategic Plan can be accessed from the Presidents' website under the title "Mission and Plan."
- Mrs. Rakow encouraged everyone to read it, that it will ultimately affect everyone, Faculty, Staff, and Students alike.
- President Huss inquired about the Staff Senate representation or lack thereof on the Facilitation Committee/ response that the committee was comprised mostly of Departmental Directors
- Suggestions should be submitted to division leaders
- Questions? Ask Mrs. Jean Rakow-ext. 2026.

**Committee Reports:**

**Budget-** 4,079.79

**Legislative** – No Report

**By-Laws** – No Report

**Public Relations** – No Report

**Election** – No report

**Membership** – No Report

**ESAC** – No Report

**Campus Safety & Security** – Changing to monthly – Ann Harbor / Teresa Hartnett now on the committee- The Golf- Cart policy, where and how to operate

**Facilities & Services** – No Report

**Fee Refunds & Appeals** – No Report

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

**Food Services/Dining** – No Report

**Public Records & Forms** – No Report

**Space Planning** – No Report

**Traffic & Parking** – No Report

**Policy & Review** – UM Policy 1457: being reviewed

**Sustainability** – Late March, early April “ Shred Day” will be conducted-will try to have one every semester.In the meanwhile, if anyone needs a recycle bin, they can put in a worq request to supply to have a new one delivered

Concerns were brought up concerning Aramarks’ food quality and piles of trash outside the dumpster – It was suggested to the Staff senators to submit concerns about the dumpster to Peter Groenendyk at 2295.

Pres. Huss will talk to the parking to see if they can make it to our next time.

Pres. Huss will discuss the state of absentee Senators and filling vacancies..

Meeting was adjourned by President Huss.