

**STAFF SENATE MEETING**  
**March 15, 2012**

**Present:** Linda Arnold, Sharon Beasley, Brigitte Billeaudeau, Karen Bradley, Melody Bridgeford, Ann Brock, Annette Rhodes, Hugh Busby, Leroy Conway, Ladonnal Curry, Heather Hampton, Robynn Hopkins, Virginia Huss, Teresa Jones, Lisa Justen, Bobby King, Patsy Krech, Lavaire Lockhart, Cynthia Martin, Angela Robinson, Hermes Rosa, Norma Shelton, Ryan Seidner, Geraldine Taylor, Jennifer Walker, Minghui Wang, Pamela Williams

**Excused:** Jeanett Ballentine, Mary Beasley, Kimberly Blair, Mary Mansour, Kutanya Niter, Jeff Story, Shelby Tate, MJ Garrett

**Unexcused:** Richard Bibb, Pamela Chambers, Hilary DeLuco, John Farrell, Brad Frewin, Earnestine Harris, Michael Houston, Christopher Ratliff, Lofton Wilborn, Letonia Williams

President Virginia Huss called meeting to order.

A motion to accept the August minutes by Vice President Busby and seconded by Senator Pamela Williams.

**Guest Speaker:**

**Amelia Mayahi- PP Landscape, Sustainability Coordinator- contact at 5543**

**“Earth Day”** April 19<sup>th</sup>, **“Shred Day”** after finals (TBA)

Updates to the website by Earth Day will provide information about the Recycle Program at the University of Memphis.

Recycle bins for the office are available upon request- submit a work order to include type of bins, number needed. This is a free service.

Everything is recyclable, “all” plastic products are accepted, no matter what the grade number is notated at the bottom of the containers- Aluminum and plastic goes in same bin. Small electronics (speakers, calculators, cell phones, etc.) are also recycled.

Custodial Staff should take recyclables out to central location for proper disposal- toner cartridges should be left out in the hallway near- (not inside) trash receptacles for proper identification and disposal

Where does it all go? All Recyclables are processed locally- they are separated and broken down and dispersed for renewal at facilities that are no further than Louisiana

TVA- (Tennessee Valley Authority) are offering internship opportunities for anyone pursuing a degree in sustainability and/or meet certain criteria

New cost-effective, energy saving initiatives are being developed around campus- some are already in place:

Offices can request through work order- ( Motion sensor Light Switches- these light switches detect movement in the office by 30 minute increments- if no movement, the lights automatically shut off. Once movement is detected, the light will automatically turn back on)

Changes to switching to LED lighting is already in the works as well

## **Guest Speaker:**

### **Dr. Karyl Buddington- Sustainability & TIGURS Garden Co-Op**

During “Earth Day,” a variety of vendors present, some doing soap making demonstrations, screen-printing, etc.

Currently a Healthy Living Cookbook is being put together- if you would like to be a part of it, you can submit your recipe along with a photo of the finished product to Dr. Karyl Buddington

Energy audit tools will be available at the event. There is also an energy efficient project in the works around campus- one building currently has a “Green Roof.” Less energy is required to cool the buildings as well as other benefits- check out the Sustainability link on the Memphis Homepage for more details on which building(s) are already “Green.”

There will be Zumba, Yoga, and Tai Chi demonstrations that visitors can participate in

Door Prizes will be available as well as Free Lunch in the Garden

There will be a Guest Speaker available to discuss Gardening Tips (Seminars to come in the near future)

A proposal to move the garden to another lot on campus for building a science building in the current space will be sometime in the future. Dr. Karyl Buddington encouraged the senators to show their support of the garden by “liking” the TIGURS URBAN GARDEN Facebook page. This, along with other support will keep the importance of this green initiative active.

In closing, Dr. Karyl Buddington committed to providing veggie baskets to be raffled off during the upcoming Staff Appreciation Day event.

## **New Business:**

- A Staff Senate Election to name the new Staff Senate President took place with the following Senator Nominees volunteering for the next term:
- Senator Pamela Williams- 19 senator votes
- Senator Leroy “Nick” Conway- 5 senator votes
- Senator Pamela Williams will be acknowledged during the upcoming election as the next Staff Senate President.
- Senator Hugh Busby will serve another term as Vice President under President-elect Pamela Williams.

**Staff Appreciation Day-** Ideas, Activities, Door Prizes, Committees, **Senator Volunteers, We Need YOU!!!**

**Next Meeting -** Staff Senate Photo taken by Bill Harbin

## **Committee Reports:**

**Budget-** \$4,079.00

**Election-** Senator Leroy Conway to assist w/ Ladonnal

**Issues and Review-** No report

**Legislative Advisory-** No report

**Campus Safety & Security** – No Report

**Fee Refunds & Appeals** – No Report

**First Year Experience** – No Report

**Food Services/Dining** – No Report

**Public Records & Forms** – No Report

**Space Planning** – No Report

**Traffic & Parking** –No Report

**Policy and Review**- No Report

**Sustainability**- No Report

**Bylaws Committee**- No Report

**ESAC**- No Report

Questions/Concerns

Meeting was adjourned by President Virginia Huss