

University of Memphis Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2013

- Present:** JoAnn Ammons, Linda Arnold, Sharon Beasley, Barbara Bekis, Lindsey Bray, Ann Brock, Dan Bureau, Hugh Busby, Pamela Chambers, Nick Conway, Ilene Cooper, Debra Cummings, Alfreda Davis, Vonda Dede, Candy Donald, MJ Garrett, Lisa Justen, Tina Magueyal, Mary Mansour, Cynthia Martin, Keri Means, Kutanya Niter, Christopher Ratliff, Sherri Stephens, Jennifer Walker, Lofton Wilborn, Pamela Williams
- Excused:** JoAnn Ammons, Bradley Arnold, Ann Brock, Dan Bureau, Pamela Chambers, Keri Means, Angela Robinson, Ryan Seidner, Jennifer Walker
- Unexcused:** Linda Arnold, Richard Bibb, Rosemary Frix, Larrick Johnson, Ann Marie Myers, Christopher Ratliff, Kate Sims, Gary Yarbrough
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President Pamela Williams called the meeting to order

Roll Call

Motion to accept the March Minutes by Senator Conway and seconded by Senator Justen

Committee Reports:

- Budget: Senator Busby reported that the staff senate has \$3,982.00 in funds. Received a \$100 donation from UMAR
- By-Laws: No Report
- Election: No Report
- Issues & Review: No Report
- Legislative Advisory: No Report
- Campus Safety & Security: No Report
- Facilities & Services: No Report
- Fee Refunds & Appeals: No Report
- Food Services/Dining: No Report
- Public Records & Forms: No Report
- Space Planning: No Report
- Traffic & Parking: No Report
- Policy & Review: No Report
- Sustainability: No Report

New Business:

Staff Appreciation Day:

- Scheduled for May 22 in the University Center Atrium
- Games will be outside and the vendors will be in the atrium
- Dr. Raines will address the group on the backside of the elevator
- Kate Sims, Human Resources, will take care of the vendors and prizes
- Human Resources is organizing the games
- Nicole McBride is working on our distribution list
- Vouchers in the amount of \$8 will be given out to staff instead of a buffet
- Vouchers can be picked up on the 22nd
- Staff must have their University of Memphis id to receive a voucher
- We need the whole senate to help with the event

Elections Committee:

- Need volunteers.
- A large task to ensure a proper list, request those who don't want to serve and conduct the election.
- Email President Pam Williams or Secretary Lindsey Bray to volunteer.
- Ladonnel Curry, past senator, will assist the committee

New President:

- The Staff Senate is charged with welcoming interim President Brad Martin
- Mr. Martin will meet with the Executive Committee

Question about the mass shredder that is coming to campus. Senator Seidner was not present to answer.

Earth Day from 10 to 2 today.

Campus Safety:

- Important that anything suspicious is reported to Campus Safety
- Everyone should always be aware of their surroundings.
- Senator volunteered to discuss with Bruce Harber as to what the Staff Senate could do to help with campus safety

UMAR: All UMAR events can be found at <http://www.memphis.edu/alumni/clubs/umar.php>.

Garden Club: Tuesday, April 23, 10 am, Location TBD

The Garden Club will hear Tanya Graves speak about exotic plants. Contact Sheryl Maxwell at smaxwell@memphis.edu or 901/755-2131 for additional information.

Wolf River Dayz: Friday, April 26, 10 am, Wolf River Conservancy

Celebrate Arbor Day with UMAR! The day will begin with Cathy Justis, Director of Education at Wolf River Conservancy, giving a talk as we walk along the Rossville, TN Boardwalk and will conclude with lunch on your own at Wolf River Cafe. Please RSVP by April 21 to bhoyer@memphis.edu or 901/678-1333. To carpool: Please meet at the Alumni Center at 8:30 am for an 8:45 am departure.

Breakfast Bunch

Tuesday, May 7, 9 am

Perkins Restaurant - Eastgate Shopping Center

All UMAR members and U of M retirees are welcome to join the UMAR Breakfast Bunch for a casual breakfast. The cost of breakfast is on your own. The group meets the first Tuesday of every month.

UMAR May Picnic

Sunday, May 19, 3 pm, Home of Agnes Stark

There will be a wine tasting (cost: \$2 per person) and a silent auction benefiting the UMAR Scholarship Fund. Please contact Alumni Coordinator Brandon Hoyer at bhoyer@memphis.edu or 901/678-1333 to RSVP or to donate a silent auction.

Meeting adjourned.