



Staff Senate Minutes  
February 10, 2021 1:15 p.m.

**Senators Present:** Angie Campbell, Peggy Brown, Suzann Bennett, Jody Stone, , Maggie Burkhead, Tony Craven, Chris Childress, Tina Jenkins, Carrie Gossett, Kim Turner, and Amber May.

**Guests:** Sean Reeder, VPBA and Paul McCann, Director of Business Services

**Senators Absent:** Renee Kerz, Melissa Coleman, Leslie Ashley-McLean, Andrea Beals, and Rick Wyninger.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Minutes** Tony Craven made motion to approve ; Tina Jenkins second motion, motion carries 10 – 0 - 0

3. **Executive Officer Reports**

A. Treasurer's Report-\$300 in appropriated; \$419.05 in gift.

B. Secretary's Report N/R

C. VP's Report N/R

D. President's Report – Asked President Glassman about non-negotiated pay raise. All non-negotiated will receive a 1% increase retroactive to July 2020. An announcement went out about this yesterday. Also, President Brown shared information about the Covid vaccination process. Not a lot to report since most of higher education employees are not considered to be in group 1B. EIU has been selected to become a vaccination site. There is hope that most people in group 1 to be vaccinated in mid-March to April. Hoping to get this done before students leave in May since we would like to have them vaccinated if they should so choose before they come back next fall. We are not hearing much yet regarding the FY22 budget from the State but should hear more after Governor's address Feb. 17.

4. **Committee Reports**

A. Personnel Policies, Benefits, and Welfare Committee

a. Parking Appeals Subcommittee N/R

b. Parking Advisory Subcommittee N/R

c. Environmental Health Safety Subcommittee N/R

d. Sick Leave Bank Subcommittee N/R

B. Budget and Planning Committee

a. CUPB – Same information that was shared in the President's report.

b. University Naming Subcommittee – They have another meeting next week.

C. Liaison Committee

a. University Union Advisory Subcommittee N/R

b. Staff /Faculty Senate Relations Subcommittee N/R

D. Election Committee

E. **Ad Hoc Committees**

Staff Recognition/Development Committee Many more shout outs this month than last.

Campus Master Plan Committee N/R

Campus Recreation Board Committee N/R

ITAC Information Technology Advisory Committee N/R

VPAA Scholarship Review Committee (11/2018) N/R

Booth Library Advisory Board (9/2019) N/R

## **E. Constituent Reports**

- a. Administrative and Professional N/R
- b. Non-negotiated Civil Service N/R
- c. Non-negotiated Trades N/R
- d. Negotiated Trades N/R
- e. AFSCME 981 - still in negotiations
- f. UPD N/R
- g. Contract Appointment or Grant Funded N/R
- h. Minority Staff Report Registration is now open for EIU Diversity Conference on March 5.
- i. EAC Report-Had a meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>. They talked a lot about the COVID pandemic and its effects on EAC. Several new Civil Service classifications have been added. More concerns especially at UIUC regarding some A&P positions not being converted to Civil Service. Next meeting for EAC is April 14 and 15.

## **F. Liaison Reports**

- a. Student Senate
- b. Faculty Senate
- c. VPBA Report- Paul McCann shared that they have not heard anything from Springfield on cutting back the current year budget FY21. As for FY22, we are waiting to hear from the Governor after his address that some say will be next Wed. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> but we have not heard that this address will definitely take place then. A decreased budget to the FY22 budget would be an issue for us. Paul McCann, Sean Reeder, President Glassman, and Katie Anselment are doing everything possible to get the most for what we can get for FY22. VPBA Sean Reeder shared the Capital Development Board has started working more with the lowest bidder for the Science Building. Design work happening in the coming months. We received bids for mortar work at McAfee. Hoping this will start once the weather warms up outside. We have another contract out for repairs to a boiler system and some steam tunnel/utility work. This work is advertised and moving forward. The addition to the CENCERE Building that is funded through a grant should be starting soon. Paul McCann shared the work to the library steps has not progressed and we have to find a \$250,000 to make that happen. Senator Turner asked a question on behalf of Senator Kerz about cars being parked in the west lot of Carman Hall and was wondering who is parking there. Senator Jenkins expressed concerns about people parking there without a paid parking permit. Senator Burkhead asked about summer classes. President Brown shared around 60 out of 320 summer classes are in person which is almost identical to summer 2019. Remote work for staff can be requested through the end of May and for Faculty the end of the summer term.

## **G. Unfinished Business**

- a. Review of the constitution-No new report

## **H. New Business**

- a. We are hearing there are some staff morale issues around campus and we asked about what Staff Senate can do to help. Senator Childress shared some staff have talked to her about lack of computers being updated. Some employees working on computers older than ten years old. Another in broken down chairs, etc. Senator Burkhead shared concerns about the McAfee bathrooms and the high need for those to be renovated.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54pm.

- I. March Meeting to be conducted on 3/10/2021-ZOOM