



Staff Senate Minutes

March 11, 2020 The Loft, MLK Union

Senators Present Peggy Brown ,Chris Childress, Melissa Coleman, Tony Craven, Carrie Gossett, Tina Jenkins, Renee Kerz, Shawn Peoples, Jody Stone, Emily Tooy, Kim Turner and

Guests: Dawn VanGunten, Faculty Senate and Paul McCann, VPBA

Senators Absent: Leslie Ashley-McLean, Andrea Beals, Suzann Bennett, Angie Campbell, Cindi Foster, Beth Gillespie and Rick Wyninger

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Peggy Brown at 1:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Shawn Peoples to approve, 2nd ^{by} Kim Turner, minutes approved with correction to Shawn's name in January minutes approval.

Executive Officer Reports:

- A. **Treasurer's Report:** No Report
- B. **Secretary Report** – No Report
- C. **Vice President Report** – No Report
- D. **President Report-** No February Meeting, Staff Senate met with State University Civil Service System (SUCCS) Auditor during our meeting time and as a group decided not to have a Staff Senate meeting after the auditor meeting. The final joint resolution Staff, Student and Faculty Senate was emailed to Senators. .
- E. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Personnel Policies, Benefits, and Welfare Committee**
 - a. Parking Appeals Subcommittee – No report
 - b. Parking Subcommittee – No Report
 - c. Environmental Health Safety Subcommittee- No report
 - d. Sick Leave Bank Subcommittee – No report
 - B. **Budget and Planning Committee**
 - a. CUPB – CUPB had a quick meeting, nothing to report.
 - b. University Naming Subcommittee - No report
 - C. **Liaison Committee** – No reports
 - a. University Union Advisory Subcommittee
 - b. Staff /Faculty Senate Relations Subcommittee
 - D. **Election Committee** Election date of Wednesday April 22, 2020 was chosen. Discussion about Senator Beth Gillespie (SUCCS moved her from A & P to CS Non Negotiated). Jody Stone noted that the constitution says Staff Senate consists of Two (2) Senators: Two Senators elected at large

from the Administrative and Professional employee group. We will have to appoint and A & P Senator, April to June and include A & P in the election.

Ad Hoc Committees

- A. **Staff Recognition/Development Committee** – Angie has the new shout out cards.
- B. **Campus Master Plan Committee** – No report
- C. **Campus Recreation Board Committee** – No report
- D. **Information Technology Advisory Committee ITAC (11/2018)** – Initial meeting, they have 10 applicants for the job opening.
- E. **VPAA Scholarship Review Committee (11/2018)** – Will meet soon
- F. **125th Anniversary Committee** – No report, Staff Senate rep not invited to a meeting. Was there a meeting?

Constituent Reports:

- A. **Administrative and Professional** – No report
- B. **Non-negotiated Civil Service** – No report
- C. **Non-negotiated Trades**– No report
- D. **Negotiated Trades**– No report
- E. **AFSCME 981**– No report
- F. **UPD** – No report
- G. **Contract Appointment or Grant Funded** – No report
- H. **Minority Staff Report** – Study Abroad to Mexico, Spring Break, Canceled 3/9
- I. **Employee Advisory Committee Report**- No Report

Liaison Reports:

- A. **Student Senate** – No report
- B. **Faculty Senate** – No report
- C. **VPBA Report** – Paul McCann – EIU met with Springfield the last 2 weeks RE FY21 Budget request. EIU asked for 6.6%, IBHE requested 5.9%, The Governor proposed 5% contingent on the graduated income tax passing in the November 2020 election. EIU internally will budget no increase. Dale Righter is interested in taking some programs out of the Governor’s proposal and funding education now. EIU is talking to Springfield, CDB and GOMB about releasing the emergency funding, 18.9 + 5.4 Million authorized. Governor released 11.8 million for planning the New Science Building, which will probably be located South of Tarble Arts on the “tundra”. CDB is bidding the design – time estimate for design is 12-18 month, estimate for construction is years. State has stated the construction funding will follow. There will be an open enrollment benefits choice in May 2020. CMS will be on campus to provide information and answer questions. We assume a cost increase, no details, AFSCME has no details yet. There will be 3 types of plans.
- D. **Unfinished Business:** None
- E. **New Business:** Talked about impact of SUCCS A&P to Civil Service – see above Election Committee notes.

Emily Tooy asked about an announcement about how EIU is moving forward concerning the COVID-19. Health Service is not responding to self-isolation questions. 2 Students returned from Italy, 1 is being offered distance learning the other student does not know what will be offered yet. Next week President’s Council will talk about Summer Programs.

F. **Questions for President Glassman:** please email to President Brown before the 4/7/2020 Executive board meeting

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 2:10 Motion by Renee Kerz, 2nd by Chris Childress, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Childress