



Staff Senate Minutes

March 11, 2015 – 1:15 p.m.

7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union

Senators Present: Angie Campbell, Melissa Coleman, Susan DeRousse, Adam Due, Christine Jenkins, Renee Kerz, Derek Light, Leah Reynolds, Ryan Siegel, John Warner

Senators Absent: Suzann Bennett, Tony Craven, Joann Daugherty, Christine Edwards, Jonathan Hunt, Shawn Peoples, Melissa Gordon, Cindy Starwalt,

Guests: Dan Nadler, VP Student Affairs, Dr. Richard Enyard, Director, Human Resources, Joshua Robertson, Mid Central Illinois Regional Council of Carpenters, Linda Holloway, Interim Director of Business Services

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Senator Campbell at 1:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the February meeting were not approved. There were only 10 senators present.

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Committee Reports: No Committee Reports were made

New Business: - VP Nadler provided a presentation and discussion of the Athletics Budget. There has been much public discussion about excess spending by Athletics, the discussion was aimed at providing the facts about spending and revenue. Senator Warner asked how the drop in enrollment has impacted other Student Affairs areas. VP Nadler responded: in the delaying of positions being filled or simply not refilling positions, currently 89 vacancies in Student Affairs. Senator Jenkins asked a question about the dishes purchased for Residential Dining Centers. VP Nadler stated that he had heard about this issue and stated the Mark Hudson addressed it to the Staff Senate but VP Nadler did not feel he knew enough about the issue to respond. Senator Jenkins also asked a question about Freshman Parking Lots possibly being merged with Upper-class Lots and VP Nadler directed her to who she could speak to at UPD.

Senator Campbell discussed the new Shout Out Page. All senators indicated they have seen the page and most indicated they have heard good response. Senators were encouraged to use the page and help bring awareness of the page. Senator DeRousse notified supervisors of their

employees that have been shouted and sent out the free coffee coupons to the first shouters and shoutees.

Senator Siegel discussed the upcoming Panther Service Day. He will speak to Rachael Fisher about ways Staff Senate get involved. He will also ask about cleaning up the orientation tour path to make sure there are no issues that could cause a grievance.

Senator Reynolds suggested it may be helpful to send out a survey to see if employees would be interested participating and what areas they may be interested in. There may not be enough time to do a survey this year.

Linda Holloway shared that deposits and applications are both up from last year. She also indicated the new President will be here April 25th & 26th to meet with the VP's. President Perry's last day will be May 15, the new president will officially begin on June 1.

Linda Holloway also shared information about a decrease in the money purchase formula. This change will be effective 1/4/16 and will result in a 6 – 7% decrease.

Dr. Enyard spoke about the classification system office and rule changes that may be occurring; allowing the top three scores for interviews rather than the top 3 people, as well as out of state applicants being considered as in state and combining of some classifications. The classes scheduled for combination are: Food Service Worker Series and Cooks as well as Office Support Series with Clerical Series.

Senator Siegel provided a presentation on proposed constitution revisions.

Questions for the President: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m. (Light/Campbell)

Respectfully submitted, Susan DeRousse

Next Meeting April 8, 2015, 7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union, 1:15 p.m.