



Staff Senate Minutes

April 12, 2017 – 1:15 p.m.

7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union

Quorum Present

Senators Present: Amanda Harvey, Angie Campbell, Chris Childress, Joann Daugherty, Jonathan Hunt, Melissa Coleman, Peggy Brown, Rhonda Nichols, Richard Wyninger, Shawn Peoples, Suzann Bennett, Tina Jenkins, and Tony Craven.

Guest: Paul McCann, Josh Norman, Cindy Foster, Bill Burnside, EAC and Ellen Corrigan, Faculty Senate.

Senators Absent: Andrea Beals, Andy Eggers, B. James Griffin, Jody Stone, and Renee Kerz.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the March minutes with changes was made by Senator Campbell. It was 2nd by Senator Bennett. The minutes from the March meeting with changes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$236.50.

Visitors:

Josh Norman, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management introduced himself and discussed “working to get us to striving and succeeding”. He discussed the strategic pillars of increasing enrollment and what steps are being taken by the university to increase enrollment. We need to celebrate small victories. We are winning “one student at a time”.

Senator Jenkins asked if anything was being done in the Champaign/Urbana area. There plans to advertise in the U of I paper. We cannot contact U of I student directly.

Senator Bennett asked what the new brand will be. No comment on this as yet, there will be a meeting with the Thorburn group soon and should learn more at that meeting.

Senator Bennett asked what impact, if any, the tightening of international travel to the United States restrictions was having on EIU. Mr. Norman stated that we do not typically have many students from the affected countries so we have not seen a major impact at this time.

Senator Wyninger asked if there had been any communication with the local community to have more off campus activities. Mr. Norman stated he had recently met with several community members and that the Charleston Mayor is an EIU advocate.

Senator Campbell asked if alums were being contacted, especially those with college bound students. It was unknown if this type of information is in the advancement data base but was a good idea. It was also mentioned that EIU staff alum could wear a pin that indicates their alumni status whenever visiting students are on campus, similar to wearing blue.

Senator Jenkins mentioned wearing EIU gear when you are out and about. Take a picture and do the SnapChat.

Bill Burnside asked everyone if they had received the information he had sent out. There have not been any changes. He did mention that other universities are now discussing the impact of the budget impasse is having on them.

Committee Reports:

Senator Bennett discussed elections in April. There are two positions up for reelection. These positions are for Senator Bennett's seat and Senator Coleman's seat. Senator Peoples' time is also up and her position is appointed by the president.

President Daugherty stated that Senator Peoples has been reappointed to Staff Senate by President Glassman and Dr. Mona Davenport. Congratulations to Senator Peoples.

Senator Jenkins informed us that the day parking pass has increased from \$1.50 to \$3.00. Parking has temporarily removed the upper classman/lower classman distinction for parking. There is some discussion about a discount lot that is way out. Adult fitness participants will now be able to purchase parking passes.

Senator Brown reported that the search committee has concluded their portion of the Provost Search. Everything has been provided to President Glassman for his decision. We won't know anything until an offer has been made and accepted and the candidate has the opportunity to speak with his current employer.

Paul McCann reported on information shared at CUPB. There are three proposals in the house and senate that are being watched. One is HB 109 which is another bridge or gap to try and finish out Fiscal Year 17. One is the Brady Bill, SB 2682 which proposes FY17 money and a FY18 budget. This bill requires SB 2678 to pass as well (Rauner's agenda).

Mr. McCann and President Glassman will be in Springfield tomorrow to testify. They are trying to send a positive message to the legislatures. We do things the right way at EIU!

One of the electronic billboards is broken so it has been taken down until it can be repaired.

Constituent Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

Workgroups 8 and 9 should be completed soon. Their recommendations will be prioritized. Unsure whether these recommendations will be mixed in with the current recommendations from 1 – 7 or put on a new schedule.

Student Affairs is looking at purchasing a mobile app so that everything happening on campus can be found in one location. It would take work by each area but would be a great way to share what is going on.

New Business:

Staff Senate Executive Team and Faculty Senate Committee have started meeting to discuss mutual issues at EIU. The first was the condition of grounds. A letter was sent to President Glassman asking that grounds workers be brought back to bring the campus back to looking good. Four grounds workers have been brought back until June 30th.

The rehiring process was discussed. It has been aggravating at best. Everyone is overburdened and overwhelmed.

Discussed that Java Beanery is closed on commencement day. We feel that this should be kept open. Recommendation about this need to be made now.

Whether or not staff will be brought back to work was discussed. Mr. McCann stated that we would have to receive FY 17 and FY 18 funds before this would be possible.

Campus picnic is scheduled for April 20th. Open to all staff and faculty. It will be on the South Quad from 11:00 – 1:00.

Mr. McCann has asked for two names to be submitted to serve on a search committee for the Budget Director position. They are hoping to have interviews this summer and have someone in place when school starts in September. If you would like to volunteer, please submit your name to one of the Executive Team.

Questions for President Glassman

Send to President Daugherty

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Senator People, 2nd by Senator Jenkins, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Brown

Next Meeting, Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union, 1:15 p.m.