



Staff Senate Minutes

September 13, 2017 – 1:15 p.m.

The Loft, MLK Union

Quorum Present

Senators Present: Amanda Harvey, Angie Campbell, B. James Griffin, Chris Childress, Joann Daugherty, Jody Stone, Melissa Coleman, Peggy Brown, Renee Kerz, Rhonda Nichols, Shawn Peoples, Tony Craven and Tina Jenkins.

Guest: Paul McCann and Kai (Billy) Hung.

Senators Absent: Andrea Beals, Andy Eggers, Jonathan Hunt, Richard Wyninger, and Suzann Bennett.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Stone at 1:16 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve July minutes was made by Senator Nichols and 2nd by Senator Daugherty. July minutes approved. Motion to approve August minutes was made by Senator Harvey and 2nd by Senator Campbell. August minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$300.00.

Committee Reports:

- A. Personnel Policies, Benefits, and Welfare Committee – No report
- B. Budget and Planning Committee
 - i. Senator Stone gave a report about CUPB.
 - 1. The State of the University address by President Glassman will cover the budget, enrollment, vitalization, and accomplishments. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
 - 2. We currently have 7030 students enrolled. This is a 5% decrease overall for past 6 years. Transfer students are up 17%; graduate students are up 4%, International students are down 30% due to Visa issues, also first time freshmen are down 105 students.
- C. Liaison Committee – No report
- D. Election Committee – No report
- E. Staff Recognition/Development Committee – No report
- F. Campus Master Plan Committee – No report

The committee listing for 2017-2018 will be reviewed next month. Let President Stone know if there is a specific committee you would like to serve on.

Constituent Reports:

- A. Administrative and Professional – No report
- B. Non-negotiated Civil Service (excluding non-negotiated trades) – Senator Brown asked Paul McCann to discuss desk audit procedures. There is a concern that if a person does a desk audit, can they be bumped due to previously layoffs. The answer is yes. Major consideration should be given before asking for a desk audit.
- C. Non-negotiated Trades– No report
- D. Negotiated Trades– No report
- E. AFSCME 981– No report
- F. UPD– No report

We discussed the new pension payment policy. EIU will have to pay state portion of new hires (after July 1). This will not have a major impact at first but will increase as time goes by and more current employees retire or leave and new employees are hired. Currently we believe that employees that were laid off, will be brought back as Tier 1 or Tier 2 so the state will still pay their portion of the pension.

Since July 1st we have received \$5.6 million for the FY17 budget, we are still owed \$11.8 million. We have received all the FY17 MAP funds which was \$6.4 million. We have received two payments for FY18, \$2.8 million and \$1.8 million. All of these payments have come from the Education Assistance Fund.

Governor Rauner announced he is going to borrow \$6 billion to cover the deficit in back bills which should lead to federal funds currently be held to be dispersed.

The state has not reduced expenses, just added revenues.

FY19 budget? There is a rumor that no budget will be received so we are attempting to ensure we stay in a good place if funds continued to be delayed.

Enrollment money is down due to loss of international students. They pay a higher rate of tuition. We have made necessary cuts over the past several years, we just need to maintain.

Unfinished Business:

The Thorburn Group held several town hall meetings to unveil thought on branding. A portion of this video was shown by President Stone. We were all impressed with the presentation and where EIU is headed.

Remember every Friday is EIU blue.

New Business:

We have a new name for student health services. It is the Health and Counseling Services which incorporates the Medical Clinic, Counseling Clinic, Student Insurance, and Health Resource Center. This changes comes out of the vitalization project.

Homecoming is just around the corner. Various ideas were discussed. If you have any ideas, send them to Amanda Harvey.

Questions for President Glassman

Send to President Stone.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Senator Campbell, 2nd by Senator Kerz, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Brown

Next Meeting, Wednesday, October 11, 2017, The Loft, MLK Union, 1:15 p.m.