



Staff Senate Minutes

December 10, 2014 – 1:15 p.m.

7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union

Senators Present: Suzann Bennett, Angie Campbell, Melissa Coleman, Joann Daugherty, Adam Due, Christine Edwards, Tina Jenkins, Renee Kerz, Derek Light, Shawn Peoples, Leah Reynolds, Ryan Siegel, Cindy Starwalt, John Warner

Senators Absent: Melissa Gordon, Susan DeRousse, Jonathan Hunt

Guests: Linda Holloway, Office VP Business Affairs, James Ochwa-Echel, Faculty Senate, Tim Zimmer, Facilities Planning and Management

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Edwards at 1:20 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November meeting were approved as written.

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

Committee Reports:

A. Budget & Planning Committee –

CUPB – Met on 11/14/14, discussed changing Bylaws to allowing grad students to become part of committee. Motion to not vote on changing bylaws carried. Committee is also looking at defraying costs by amount of scholarships given. Presidential search is on track.

University Naming – Naming of Klehm Hall student lounge in honor of FCS alum, Esther Brothers Elmore, has been approved.

B. Election Committee – No report

C. Liaison Committee –

Staff/Faculty Relations-Senator Bennett reported about the most recent Faculty Senate meeting; concerns being recruitment/budget problems, TRM changes, amending their Constitution/Bylaws and Gen Ed curriculum to include critical thinking.

D. Personnel Policies, Benefits & Welfare Committee –

Senator Campbell stated that Dr. Enyard is looking into sending out a survey asking about various benefits employees would like.

E. Staff Outreach – Senator Jenkins said that she had emailed all members about changing our Bylaws to review the purpose and scope of this committee.

F. Ad-Hoc Committees – CATS is working on the “Shout Out” page.

Other discussions: Parking Lot B next to Blair Hall cannot be asphalted now due to colder temperatures. It will be finished in the spring. Contaminated soil has been removed at a cost of \$174,000.00.

There will be a staging area for materials next to the old power plant related to the installation of the elevator in the Student Services Bldg.

Constituent Reports: Senator Campbell reported that Civil Service Council will be granting 2 student scholarships, one for spring semester, and one for fall semester from funds they established for that purpose.

Unfinished Business: Ryan Siegel and John Warner will continue to talk to members to get their opinions about merging 2 constituent groups, the Non-Negotiated Trades and the Negotiated Physical Plant.

New Business: The new non-smoking policy for campus takes effect on July 1, 2015. Clarification is needed as to whether employees can smoke in their own cars in parking lots on campus.

Senate discussed ways they could help with campus beautification, including taking part in the Panther Service Day.

Questions for the President: Ask about Athletics Dept. overage on their budget; dishes purchased by Housing/Dining; status of desk audit revisions.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Adam Due; 2nd by Tina Jenkins. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Suzann Bennett, Secretary

Next Meeting: January 14, 2015, 7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union, 1:15 p.m.