



## Staff Senate Minutes

September 9th, 2015 – 1:15 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Street Underground Loft, MLK Union

Quorum Present

**Senators Present:** Suzann Bennett, Peggy Brown, Angie Campbell, Melissa Coleman, Tony Craven, Joann Daugherty, Susan DeRousse, Adam Due, Melissa Gordon, Jonathan Hunt, Christine Jenkins, Derek Light, Shawn Peoples, Cindy Starwalt, Lisa Walker,

**Guest:** Interim Director of Business Services, Paul McCann and Eastern President, Dr. Glassman

**Senators Absent:** Michelle Wayne, Leah Reynolds, Renee Kerz,

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the August minutes was made by, Derek Light. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan DeRousse. The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is \$0.00. The new budget has not been loaded yet.

### Constituent Reports:

Constituent Outreach- Leah drafted a letter that each Senator can tailor to their area and with the permission of Leah's director she will be able to email our constituents on our behalf.

### Unfinished Business:

- a. Reception for President Glassman :
  - i. President Glassman spoke on the 2% increase in graduate and international students as well as Hispanic students.
  - ii. Overall total enrollment is down however, it looks like we are stabilizing ourselves and next step after that is growth and closing that gap.
  - iii. If we can all look for opportunity and be positive that it'll take a little time we will all thrive in the long run.
  - iv. We still do not have our budget from the state. Without knowing what our appropriated funds will be we are still left with uncertainty.
    1. He stated that we are assuming that Assuming that our decrease will be 6.5%. The Governor proposed 31.5%.

- v. Our newest groups of freshman are very smart; they have really high ACT scores so that is a great thing.
- vi. Western Illinois, Northern Illinois and Southern Illinois Universities are all down in their freshman classes this semester.
  - 1. EIU is going to intensify our recruiting efforts; especially in our region
  - 2. Indiana State University is our biggest competition they are all over our area recruiting a lot of students that could be coming to EIU.
- vii. Questions/Concerns for the President:
  - 1. Senator Jenkins stated that first impression is everything and that we need to “put the shine on”, this is regarding areas by Lawson has trailers and fencing that is an eyesore. What is being done with these areas since there is no one working there? Also the mobile home at Carman? – Adam Due stated it is the police departments and it is currently parked there until they have the funds to renovate it into a mobile command station.
  - 2. Will we be putting a cap on enrollment should it exceed 10,000 students?
    - a. 10,000 is a great size- we are a mid-sized university, if enrollment increased between 12,000- 14,000 that would put us in a different ball game with more competitors.
    - b. How long can the university run without the appropriation from the state?
      - i. Late February or early March, we are expecting them to pass the budget and we will receive it in January 2016
    - c. Rumor of another round of layoffs in November?
      - i. There is no plan as of now; we will be waiting to see what the budget is.
    - d. Are you interested in feedback from other university experiences as a parent and as a student?
      - i. Absolutely he wants to know what others are doing and maybe we can take something away from others.
  - 3. Other- Send list of current Senators to Melissa Gordon and she can update the website.

**New Business:**

- A. No new business

**Questions for the President:**

- A. Not at this time but please email President Peoples with any questions you may have for President Glassman by October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- B. President Glassman mentioned the issue Exec brought to him with the Civil Service Council and it is being looked into.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Senator Light and 2nd by Senator Jenkins. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan DeRousse, Secretary

Next Meeting October 14, 2015, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Underground Loft, MLK Union, 1:15 p.m.