



Staff Senate Minutes

September 10, 2014 – 1:15 p.m.

7th St. Underground Loft, MLK Union

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

Senators Absent: Melissa Coleman, Jonathan Hunt

Guests: Paul McCann, Interim V.P. Business Affairs

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

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes from August meeting was delayed until the October meeting to allow all senators more time for review.

Treasurer's Report: New budget has not been loaded into the system. Budget of \$300.00 is expected with possibility of additional funds if needed when requested from President Perry.

Discussion of email from President Perry re Budget: Senators discussed their reactions to the recent email and created a list of questions to forward to President Perry. Questions are related to areas/amounts of budget cuts, employee layoffs, attrition, employee morale, and the outcome and implementation of Program Analysis. Paul McCann stated that the President will be responding to the Staff Senate directly about their concerns.

McCann also updated the Senate on the status of the repair to parking Lot X across from Blair Hall, the renovations at Booth House, and the plan for use of Carman Hall.

Upcoming Presidential Search: Staff Senate compiled a list of qualities they would like to see in our future president. President Edwards shared that many of the qualities listed were conveyed in the initial search committee meeting. An information sheet about Korn Ferry's consultant, Dr. David Mead-Fox, was provided to the senators. It was conveyed that confidentiality is important with this search so little will be able to be shared with the Senate at future meetings.

Committee Reports:

A. Budget & Planning Committee -CUPB will meet Friday, Sept. 12th.

B. Election Committee - No report

C. Liaison Committee - Plan to attend upcoming Faculty Senate meetings.

D. Personnel Policies, Benefits & Welfare - Sick Leave Bank subcommittee has finished work on new Sick Leave Bank Policy which became effective 7/1/14. Sick Leave subcommittee will disband.

E. Staff Outreach – The mission of the committee has been rewritten to reflect a broader scope of outreach.

F. Ad-Hoc Committees- Staff Recognition/Development – Committee will schedule meetings to start implementation of “Shout Out” page.

Old Business: President Edwards has contacted CATS to prepare a timeline for implementing our “Shout Out” page. The goal is to have the page up and running in the near future.

New Business: Office 365 for email service will be up and running by the end of October.

President Edwards will make a short presentation at the September BOT meeting about the objectives and accomplishments of EIU Staff Senate.

Homecoming theme is “Real Panthers Decorate Blue” and will be open to the community to decorate “Blue”. Employees are encouraged to wear blue on “Spirit Fridays”.

The new Admissions Director will be invited to speak to the Senate about department plans.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Angie Campbell, 2nd by Derek Light. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Suzann Bennett, Secretary

Next Meeting: October 8, 2014, 7th Street Underground, MLK Union