



Staff Senate Minutes

January 14, 2015 – 1:15 p.m.

7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union

Senators Present: Suzann Bennett, Angie Campbell, Melissa Coleman, Tony Cravens, Joann Daugherty, Susan DeRousse, Adam Due, Christine Edwards, Melissa Gordon, Derek Light, Leah Reynolds, Ryan Siegel, Cindy Starwalt, John Warner

Senators Absent: Jonathan Hunt, Tina Jenkins, Renee Kerz, Shawn Peoples

Guests: Paul McCann, Interim VP Business Affairs, Dr. Richard Enyard, Director, Human Resources

Senate approval of Interim Senator: Motion made by Senator Bennett to approve the appointment of Tony Craven as interim senator from the Non-Negotiated Trades area until the next regular election. Seconded by Senator DeRousse.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were approved.
(Light/Warner)

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$296.04.

Committee Reports:

A. Budget & Planning Committee –

CUPB – Senator Gordon reported that CUPB met on 12/12/14, and discussed: welcome packets for employees, ways to increase donations for academic scholarships, status of HERC building, Honeywell to look at problem with the gasifier at Energy Center, contract with China to bring students to EIU, the English Language Center on campus and the placement of EIU billboards in the Chicago area, Bloomington, Champaign and St. Louis. Senator Edwards reminded Senators to attend the upcoming presidential interviews on campus.

University Naming – Naming of 3015 Lumpkin Hall in honor of James and Susan Pendleton.

B. Election Committee – No report

C. Liaison Committee –

Staff/Faculty Relations-Senator Siegel reported about the most recent Faculty Senate meeting. At their meeting, faculty discussed the report from the Intercollegiate Athletic Board concerning student academics, retention of student athletes, and their cash flow statement.

D. Personnel Policies, Benefits & Welfare Committee –

Senator Campbell stated that the committee will meet in January.

E. Staff Outreach – Committee is meeting to revise their purpose as stated in the Constitution. Senator Jenkins (absent) sent a draft revision for senators to review. Committee members said the revision had not been approved as yet and would continue their work.

F. Ad-Hoc Committees – CATS is making progress on the “Shout Out” page and we should expect something in the near future.

Constituent Reports: None

Unfinished Business: President Edwards provided answers to previous questions the Senate had about:

-Employees will be allowed to smoke on campus in their own cars, with the windows rolled up. A committee will be formed to define the law and a smoking cessation program will be implemented as well.

-An email was read from Mark Hudson, Housing/Dining, explaining the reason for the purchase of new dishes in dining halls.

-Housing staff has no specific policy in effect regarding the wishing of “Merry Christmas” as opposed to “Happy Holidays”.

-Overage spending by Athletics did not negatively impact any one area and was covered by other monies in the total budget. Lower enrollment causes Athletics to have less money in student fees. Athletics schedules are contractual and are scheduled many years in advance so that money is already committed. Changing from Div. 1 to Div. 3 could hamper recruitment and camps/conferences. Any money saved on personnel would mean paying coaches less.

New Business: Senator Siegel presented a draft of a proposed amendment to the Constitution concerning Article IV. Section 2. Representation, to clarify that constituent group.

Questions for the President: Interim VP McCann gave an update on the fiscal outlook for FY 16, FY 17. A 20% budget cut amounting to approximately \$4.4 million is possible for FY 16. Enrollment should stabilize in FY 17. All desk audits in Business Affairs area have been done and seven (7) in Academic Affairs area still need to be completed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by John Warner; 2nd by Angie Campbell. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Suzann Bennett, Secretary

Next Meeting: February 11, 2015, 7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union, 1:15 p.m.