



Staff Senate Minutes

February 8, 2017 – 1:15 p.m.

7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union

Quorum Present

Senators Present: Angie Campbell, Rhonda Nichols, Renee Kerz, Shawn Peoples, B. James Griffin, Rick Wyninger, Chris Childress, Suzann Bennett, Joann Daugherty, Tina Jenkins, Melissa Coleman, Amanda Harvey, and Andrea Beals.

Guest: Paul McCann, Tim Zimmer, Bill Burnside EAC and Ellen Corrigan, Faculty Senate.

Senators Absent: Jonathan Hunt, Tony Craven, Andy Eggers, Peggy Brown and Jody Stone.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January minutes was made by Senator Nichols. It was 2nd by Senator Campbell. The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$300.00. Senator Bennett has submitted expenses for kites.

Committee Reports:

None

Constituent Reports:

None

Unfinished Business:

Need a date for the Kite event. Need volunteers.

Bill Burnside went to his first EAC meeting. They are working on updates. Each member gave an update from their University. SUCCS is struggling budget wise. Some Universities are hiring and some are struggling. Next meeting is in April.

Paul said that SUCCS Pilot program being discussed. It would waive tests for students. They would work as an intern for a? period of time, then move into the position. This is only for a certain number of positions. Paul sees benefits of this program. IT was mentioned as an area that might benefit. SUCCS is also looking at all regs. Some have been in place for 30-40 years.

Paul said the Senate/Legislature are back in session. There is strong budget discussion. Senate is proposing all-encompassing budget. There is no great feel it will go forward. The House says they won't look at it. It is

the best hope now for FY17 budget. EIU has been to Springfield several times to have a say. EIU will make it through 6/30/17. Paul thinks July and August should be ok but very tight!

Paul wants to make sure Senate is aware of a SURS memo offering buy back of furlough time.

Paul: Vitalization 1-7 President's Council discussing. Work group 7 first because it had to go to CAA by 1/20/17. Other groups have requested to review and PC has provided information. Group comments are due back to President Glassman 3/15/17. Paul anticipates some discussion at the April BOT meeting. Other programs: working on Athletics – no solution – some athletic programs generate revenue. Enrollment Management: Josh Norman appointed AVP and is working diligently. The numbers for next year still do not look good. The Legislature issues are causing enrollment problems.

Senator Nichols asked if there is a goal or time frame for implementing Vitalization project changes. Paul said this is urgent for the President. President Glassman feels EIU has not made decisions fast enough. We have more press on considering programs to remove than on the new programs we have added.

Senator Wyninger – will President address the campus on the status of Vitalization project?

Paul the RFP for the Advertising Consultant is done. Paul said the consultant will work to establish a Brand for EIU what we are good at/ what can we sell? Then they will do a marketing campaign with the new brand

Senator Bennett – had questions

What is the cost of the Advertising consultant -- BOT has approved up to \$500,000 per year.

What is the length of the contact – proposed not to exceed 5 years

Who is monitoring – Likely President Glassman

Paul says EIU has had large newspaper ads and they are looking @EIU “covers” for SnapChat.

Senator Jenkins had a question about why EIU Vehicles are not clearly marked to advertise EIU. Paul said he would take her comments to the marketing committee.

Senator Bennett had a question – Impact of Lisa Madigan lawsuit? And what is effective date?

Paul – NO impact for EIU. Other agencies could shut down; the request was for 2/28/17 – the judge will have to rule.

Senator Bennett – were W2's mailed on time? Paul – yes they were available before 1/31/17. Some discussion about the process – and if you choose electronic access you sign into PAWS and print your W2s.

Senator Daugherty invited Josh Norman, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management to attend our March meeting.

Senator Griffin said the Diversity Conference was last week. 250 in attendance. 22 workshop choices

Senator Peoples Provost search committee should be meeting soon. The leadership profile is complete and the firm EIU hired is looking for candidates. Hope to have a finalist group on campus for March interviews.

New Business:

None

Questions for President Glassman

Send to President Daugherty

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Senator Wyninger, 2nd by Senators Bennet and Jenkins, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Childress

Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union, 1:15 p.m.