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Minutes
Staff Senate Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2004
OLD MAIN 523

I. The Staff Senate Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Kenley Haley.

Members Present: Janet Bowlin, Renee Clay, Patricia Edwards, Candy Erbe, Tommi Featherston, Kenley Haley, Vicky Hartwell, Rodney Hughes, Carrie Jackson, Lioneld Jordan, Jewel Lindsey, Mary Beth Lohr, Bruce McNully, Susan Rausch, Heather Sprandel, Barbara Taylor, Joe Terry, Eric Vaught, Shelley Wilmoth, Susan Yell and Barbara Yule.

Members Absent: Carla Coker, Tammie Edrington, Gerald Golden, Susan Huskey, Nima Khamooshi and Bonnie Swayze.

II. A motion was presented, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda as written.

III. The minutes from March 11, 2004 were reviewed. There was a motion presented and seconded to approve the minutes as amended.

IV. **Speakers:** Dr. Collis Geren, Shannon Davis, and Jeannine Durdik

The topics "conflicts of interest & commitment policy" were discussed with handouts provided. Specific examples were mentioned to explain policies. A question and answer session followed.

V. **Committee Reports**

A. **Standing Committees**

1. **Communications – Susan Huskey**, not present;
Vicky Hartwell stated that the committee is working on the Web page.
2. **Elections – Jewel Lindsey**, the Staff Senate nomination results were distributed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14th, in room 301. Jewel reminded the members present that three officer positions will be open: chair, vice chair, and secretary.
3. **Scholarships and Awards – Candy Erby**, stated that there are 4 community service nominations. The deadline for scholarship applications is May 3rd and funding is good for this year. Qualifying factors were discussed.
4. **Finance – Vicky Hartwell**, reported \$618.24 is left according to the financial report distributed. Other expenses anticipated are an election item and picnic expenses.
5. **Parking and Transit – Barbara Yule**, the committee did meet. Future meetings will be monthly on a regular basis. Gary Smith will meet with the committee on April 2nd. She reminded the members that the Wal-Mart affiliates will be on campus June 2nd and this provides an opportunity for UA employees to act as "good will" ambassadors. She also mentioned that the Lot 56 transit bus to and from the southwest area of campus is being received well.
6. **Safety – Joe Terry**, no report. Dr. Taylor mentioned an incident creating a potential accident involving Jim Wells as he was crossing with the light at Stadium Drive and Maple. Discussion followed over concerns at other intersections.
7. **Employee of the Quarter – Susan Yell**, the next meeting is scheduled for April 21st.
8. **Legislative – Bonnie Swayze**, no report.
9. **Internal Affairs – Lioneld Jordan**, no meeting. Lioneld did meet with legislators on the topic of sick leave payout.

B. **Ad Hoc Committees**

1. **Fringe Benefits – Bonnie Swayze**, Janet Bowlin stated that the insurance premium increase issues and questions have not been settled. Dr. Taylor stated that a 10% increase is likely. Dr. Taylor mentioned that there will be a cost-of-living raise for classified employees and possibly merit raises for nonclassified. However, the projection for 2006 is not good.
2. **By-Laws – Candy Erbe**, proposed by-law revision handout concerning the responsibilities of voting members was provided. Motion entertained, moved, and seconded. The motion will be voted on at the next Staff Senate meeting.
3. **Picnic Bruce McNully, Joe Terry, & Eric Vaught**, the date is set for May 28th and will be located in the South End Zone Food Court area of Don W. Reynolds Stadium. From 10:00 – 1:30. Set up will begin at 8:00 and Gates 1 & 16 will be open. Items mentioned: the food details are still being worked on, volunteers are needed, a list is available of vendors for door prizes, and entertainment will not be provided this year due to lack of interest in the past.

VI. **Old Business**

- A. **EDoc concerns – Dr. Barbara Taylor**, summarized the discussion from the previous meeting.

VII. **Other Business**

- A. **Announcements – Dr. Barbara Taylor**, mentioned the Supervisor Development Program that is currently ongoing.
- B. **Gary Smith – Parking & Transit**, general parking issues were discussed. Permit increases have been approved. Fines for parking violations have increased. Parking area restructuring will be required due to construction. The construction on the south parking deck continues.

- IX. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Wells