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**MINUTES  
STAFF SENATE MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.  
OLD MAIN 523**

- I. The Staff Senate Meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m. by Chair, Kenley Haley.

Members Present: Beth Arbuthnot, Donnie Blagg, Janet Bowlin, Renee Clay, Patricia Edwards, Candy Erbe, Tommi Featherston, Scott Fendley, Nancy Fondren, Carla Gray, Kenley Haley, Vicky Hartwell, Eric Linson, Mary Beth Lohr, Bruce McNully, Jonathan Nelson, Gary Smith, Bonnie Swayze, Joe Terry, Eric Vaught, Shelley Wilmoth and Susan Yell.

Members Absent: David Edwards, Gerald Golden, Carrie Jackson and Robert Moler.

- II. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the agenda as presented.
- III. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the March 10, 2005 minutes as corrected.

A. Correction

- i. Section IV Bi-monthly Payday: Discussion: "Bonnie Swayze did an informal poll of her co-workers and found most preferred to keep the monthly pay schedule. The bi-monthly payday supporters polled indicated their support for the change expressing it would enable the employee to earn the interest on the wages instead of UA."

- IV. Recognition- Washington Elementary School Student Council is delayed until arrival of students.

- V. Standing Committees

- A. Legislative- Bruce McNully reported several Staff Senate members met individually and in groups with legislators in Little Rock. Bruce presented a summary on the outcome of the numerous bills, acts and resolutions of the Arkansas 85<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of interest to the Staff Senate. Bonnie Swayze recommends a resolution of appreciation to Richard Hudson, Sue Madison and Lindsley Smith be drafted by the Staff Senate Legislative Committee.

- VI. Washington Elementary School Student Council arrives. Renee Clay presented the students with certificates from the Staff Senate and commended them for their hard work and involvement in student government. Randy Brown of the

Associated Student Government congratulated the students and urged them to stay involved and looks forward to seeing them at UA in the future.

VII. Standing Committees –Following the recognition of the Washington Elementary Student Council the standing committees continued.

- A. Internal Affairs- Renee Clay reported the committee had not met.
- B. Scholarship & Awards- Candy Erbe reported the Community Service Award deadline had passed without any nominations submitted. Candy said they would try again next month and urged the Senators to get the word out. Staff Scholarship nomination deadline is 5:00 PM, April 29, 2005.
- C. Communications- Janet Bowlin thanked Donnie Blagg for filling in last month. Ballots will go out on Friday and an announcement will be in the Daily Headlines.
- D. Finance- Vicky Hartwell presented the Finance Report to the Staff Senate.
- E. Elections- Bruce McNully announced a Friday 9:00 a.m. meeting for the Elections Committee in ADMN 424 to fold, label and mail ballots. Bruce reported quite a few nominations for the term but indicated some nominations did not meet the eligibility requirement of one-year employment as of January 31<sup>st</sup>. Bruce urged Senators to vote quickly so votes could be counted and ratified at the next meeting.
- F. Safety- Joe Terry reported that the committee had not met.
- G. Parking and Transit- Donnie Blagg had to leave the meeting early; no report was made.
- H. Employee of the Quarter- Susan Yell reported 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter nominations are due April 15, 2005. The nominations' PDF is available on the Staff Senate Website.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committees

- A. Fringe Benefits- Bonnie Swayze reported the campus and the system committees have not met; she has not received the Experience Report.
- B. Picnic- Eric Vaught reported the picnic is ready to go except for the collection of some door prizes. Please notify Shelley Wilmoth if you have door prizes. Shelley will also coordinate a sign-up sheet. Senators are needed to work the event. Please sign-up for one or more of the 30 minute shifts.

IX. Old Business

- A. QualChoice- Carla Gray reported she has not received any information on a 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit; however, recent changes have been made to the website. It appears that QualChoice is addressing improvements.
- B. Haley Scholarship- Renee Clay read the UDEV letter on the Haley Scholarship and reported the current level of contributions/pledges made to the scholarship fund by UA staff members.
- C. Campus Council - The Campus Council will meet this month and a call of agenda items has been requested. The Council will be electing Executive Officers for the next term and ideally a Staff Senator will be seated. Senators should attend the meeting to be held in the Reynolds Auditorium to achieve a voting block. Date of the meeting will be sent to list-serve.

X. Other Business

- A. Announcements- Beth Arbuthnot attending for Dr. Barbara Taylor reported no announcement. A discussion on the percentage for the Cost of Living Adjustment followed. Beth indicated that it was 3% for the second year in a row. Eric Vaught thought he had read in the paper that it would be 2.7 %. It was suggested that it may be a sliding scale system as it was the previous year.
- B. Transit and Parking- Gary Smith was not present to report.
- C. Bonnie Swayze suggested the Senate needed to do some public relations work to encourage staff to serve as Senators. Perhaps the Provost or Vice Chancellor could send a memo asking Deans and Directors to encourage and support staff involvement in the Senate. Employee's having the support of their supervisors is vital to participation.
- D. Eric Vaught reported an issue has recently come to his attention and he is currently doing research and plans to bring new issues to next month's meeting.
- E. Renee Clay thanked everyone for helping to recognize the Washington Elementary Student Council.

XI. Adjournment- A motion was presented, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted by

Sherrie F. Robins, Recording Secretary