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**MINUTES
STAFF SENATE MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 9 @ 9:30a.m.
OLD MAIN 523**

- I. The Staff Senate Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Kenley Haley.
- Members Present: Donald Blagg, Janet Bowlin, Renee Clay, Candy Erbe, Tommi Featherston, Scott Fendley, Nancy Fondren, Carla Gray, Kenley Haley, Vicky Hartwell, Carrie Jackson, Bruce McNully, Bonnie Swayze, Eric Vaught and Susan Yell.
- New Members Present: Paul Bixby, Leanna Foshe, Ashley Harris, Robert Mackey, Michele Payne, Felisha Perrodin and Liz Williams
- Members Absent: David Edwards, Patricia Edwards, Gerald Golden, Eric Linson, Mary Beth Lohr, Jonathan Nelson, Joe Terry and Shelley Wilmoth.
- II. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the agenda as changed.
1. Agenda change: Section VIII. Announcements will follow GED recipients and Staff Senate Scholarships recognition.
 - A. Barbara Taylor: Richard Ray reporting for Barbara Taylor.
 - B. B: Gary Smith, Transit and Parking is unable to attend.
- III. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the May 12, 2005 minutes as presented.
1. Recognition of the following staff members for completing General Educational Development (GED): Beverly Bartz, Trish Leming and Tammy Ward. (These recipients were not in attendance. Will try to reschedule.)
 2. Staff Senate Scholarships presented by Candy Erbe to the following recipients: Jessica Gerdsen, Susan Logue, Rhonda Payne, Elizabeth Reynolds, LeAnn Suggs and Sherah Williams
 3. Rick Haley Memorial Scholarship presented by Renee Clay to the following recipient: Heather Stowers.
- IV. Announcements – Richard Ray - The UA community will be updated on benefit changes for the new fiscal year by mail. Richard updated the senate on the changes including that the UA will pickup the 5% premium increase. The Conexis card, its benefits and procedures were discussed as was the “Any willing provider” policy. Richard indicated he would be happy to present a report to the senate at the August retreat.
- V. Standing Committees – Year End Reports
1. Legislative- Bruce McNully presented the year–end report for the Legislative Committee. A written report will be provided for the senators.
 2. Internal Affairs- Renee Clay presented a narrative of the day care proposal and thanked Carrie and Kenley for the work they contributed to the project. Renee report on the decrease in the tuition benefit for staff passed by the Board of Trustees. The UA fought to maintain the current tuition benefit but was unsuccessful. The senate will work with the Chancellor to strategize and prevent further erosion of tuition benefits for UA staff.
 3. Scholarship & Awards- Candy Erbe presented a year-end report for the committee recapping the accomplishments and new awards introduced this year.

4. Communication- Janet Bowlin recapped of the committee's activities for the year. Janet pointed out Donnie Blagg was responsible for the accomplishments of the committee this year. Donnie may take over the leadership of the committee for the next term.
5. Finance- Vicky Hartwell presented the monthly financial report to the senate. Carrie requested that Dr. Pederson be invited to address the senate on the state of UA finances and their impact for the staff.
6. Elections- Bruce McNully reported the senate has approval to hold on-line Staff Senate elections next year.
7. Safety- Joe Terry was unable to attend the meeting and a report was not presented.
8. Parking and Transit- Donnie Blagg recapped the parking and transit issues faced by UA this past year including the addition of the Harmon Garage and the hiring of a consulting firm to study the parking and transit conditions on campus.
9. Employee of the Quarter- Susan Yell reported the next EOQ recognition will be in August.

VI. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Fringe Benefits- Bonnie Swayze updated the senate on TIAA-CREF's expanded plan choices and concerns about this expansion, upcoming bid for Long Term Disability and Life Insurance, "Any willing provider" and possibility of carrying over unused funds on cafeteria plans from year to year instead of forfeiting the funds.
2. Picnic- Eric Vaught thanked everyone for volunteering and reminded the staff to send thank you letters to door prize contributors.

VII. Old Business

1. Qual Choice- Carla Gray reported Qual Choice' website redesign appears more secure. Carla inquired how hard the senate wants to push for a third party audit.

VIII. New Business

1. Kenly thanked all the new and current senators and said good bye to leaving senators.
2. A motion was made, seconded and approved to increase the award for the Community Service Award from \$75.00 to \$100.00.
3. Slate of Officers- Scott Fendley reported the current executive officers are running unopposed. According to By-Laws candidates should submit an oral and written platform. Elections will be next month.

IX. Adjournment—a motion was presented, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by
Sherrie F. Robins, Recording Secretary