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STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, Apr. 9th, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
Giffels Auditorium

Members present:

Members absent:

Guests present:

- I. Call to Order: the meeting was called to order at 9:36 am by Chair Paul Bixby
- II. Adopt Agenda: The agenda was adopted as circulated
- III. Recognition of December Staff Graduates – Tyneshia Reynolds and Melynda Hart: December staff graduates were recognized. Each was presented with a certificate of recognition from the Staff Senate.
- IV. Recognition of Outstanding Staff Team Award Winners – Tyneshia Reynolds and Melynda Hart: All 18 teams nominated for the Outstanding Staff Team Award were recognized with a certificate, and the administrators in charge of their units made brief remarks about the teams' accomplishments. The Alumni Association Program Team was announced as this year's winner and the team was presented with a plaque and members with a monetary award. Barbara Taylor made brief congratulatory remarks in the absence of Dr. Pederson.
- V. Parking and Transit Announcements – Gary Smith/Andy Gilbride: Henry Rowe reviewed the upcoming street closings and discussed handicapped parking for Peabody Hall. He reviewed the draft policy on bicycle registration, parking and impoundment, and there was considerable discussion. Andy Gilbride joined the group and added details.
- VI. Approval of March 12, 2009, Minutes: A revised version of the minutes was circulated and two additional corrections were made: In VII. A., add "with" between "lunch" and "the." The last two items should be numbered X.A. and X.B., instead of XI. And XII. The minutes were approved as corrected.
- VII. Standing Committees
 - A. Special Events – Michele Payne: reported that ice cream for the Staff Picnic has been donated, so no food purchases will be required. Sign-up sheets will be circulated. Melynda Hart has prepared ad copy. There is just one more Staff Senate meeting before the picnic.
 - B. Elections – Donnie Blagg: Paul Bixby reported that nominations for next year's Staff Senate are in process.
 - C. Scholarship – Teresa Scott: Not here; the web site is up and scholarships will be advertised.
 - D. Employee of the Quarter – Lisa Frye: Nominations for the Employee of the Quarter will be accepted through April 15.
 - E. Finance – Leanna Foshe : No report.
 - F. Awards – Tyneshia Reynolds: No report; see III. And IV., above.
 - G. Legislative – Elizabeth Underwood: No report.
 - H. Parking and Transit – Henry Rowe: Senators will be invited to a committee meeting to discuss the bicycle policy draft and motorcycle and scooter parking on the hill.
 - I. Safety – Javene Mounce/Cat Donnelly: No report.
 - J. Internal Affairs – Angela Hand: No report.
 - K. Communications– Paul Bixby: University Relations will help with web site conversion to the RedDot Content Management System.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committees

- A. Scholarship Advancement Committee – Michele Payne: Giving to the scholarship fund endowment will be promoted at a booth during the Staff Picnic.

IX. Old Business

- A. Campus Council Report: Inclement Weather FAQ's – Angela Hand: The Provost recognized the Staff Senate's work on the FAQs during the recent Campus Council meeting; the committee is looking at ways to further clarify the policy and further develop the FAQs.
- B. Campus Council Report: Staff Senate Resolution on the Tobacco Free Policy – Paul Bixby: Recent legislation passed by the Arkansas General Assembly renders this moot.

X. New Business

- A. "Around the Senate": Michele Payne reported on a recent meeting of the Environmental Health and Occupational Safety Committee. The possibility of reviving the First Responders program was discussed briefly.

XI. Announcements – Barbara Taylor: The State Pay Plan has been passed by the General Assembly, but the University is seeking authorization to delay implementation because of budget constraints.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.