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Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

OLD MAIN 523

Members present: Paul Bixby, Donnie Blagg, Angela Davis, Cat Donnelly, Lisa Fry, Gerald Golden, Angela Hand, Melynda Hart, Natalie Kramer, Ronnie Lane, April Martin, Andy Matthews, Javene Mounce, Henry Rowe, Barbara Taylor, Eve Owens, Kelly Carter, Jeremy Battjes, George Fowler, Valerie Robertson, Lori Magar

Members absent: Andy Gilbride, Autumn Parker, Michele Payne, Teresa Scott, Jami Coker, Trish Watkins, Tonya Foster, Leann Foshe, Eric Vaught

Guests present: Teresa Taylor, Gary Smith, Ben Matthews, Ty Reynolds

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Paul Bixby at 9:32am.
- II. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the agenda as presented with corrections. Corrections are section VI and VII change, "2008" to "2009"
- III. Presentation from Housing – Teresa Taylor; Teresa spoke to Staff Senate regarding University Housing's move-in day for students in the Fall.
- IV. Announcements –Gary Smith;
 1. There will be a 5% increase in the price of the parking permits. They will be available to purchase online starting Monday, June 15, 2009.
 2. Lot 47 will close on July 1, 2009.
- V. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the May 14, 2009 meeting minutes as presented with corrections. Corrections include section VI, letter k change" A motion was made, seconded and approved to give the chair authority to change the by-laws under the duties of the secretary" to "A motion was made seconded and approved to give the chair authority to propose changes to the by-laws under the duties of the secretary".
- VI. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to table the approval of the May 26, 2009 meeting minutes until all Senators have read them and will vote on them via email.
- VII. Welcome New Senators – Staff Senate welcomed Eric Fowler.
- VIII. Standing Committees
 - A. Special Events – Michele Payne; Not present
 - B. Elections – Donnie Blagg; No report
 - C. Scholarship – Paul Bixby; The recipients of the Staff Senate Scholarship Fund will be recognized at the July 2009 meeting. The Brochure for the Staff Senate Scholarship has been completed.
 - D. Finance – Leanna Foshe; Not present
 - E. Awards – Melynda Hart; Melynda distributed the University of Arkansas Part Time Employee Award nomination form and information sheet to each Senator to review.
 - F. Legislative- Elizabeth Underwood; No report
 - G. Parking and Transit – Henry Rowe; See Section X, Letter A

- H. Safety – Javene Mounce/Cat Donnelly; No report
 - I. Internal Affairs – Angel a Hand; No report
 - J. Employee of the Quarter – Lisa Frye; No report
- IX. Old Business
- A. Discussion of Recent Changes to the University Bicycle Policy – Henry Rowe; After discussion a motion was made, seconded and approved against having language in the policy all bicycles are required to be secured to bike loops/racks until there are adequate amount of bike loops/racks are on campus.
 - B. Close nominations/Office elections – Paul Bixby; A motion was made, seconded, and approved to elect by acclamation of the unopposed officers. There was an election for the Vice-Chair position. The first vote resulted in a tie. The second vote announced Elizabeth Underwood as the winner. The officers of the Staff Senate for 2009-2010 are:
Angela Hand – Chair
Elizabeth Underwood – Vice-Chair
Donnie Blagg – Secretary
- X. New Business
- A. Part-Time Employee Award – Melynda Hart
 - B. Retreat Plans – The retreat will be at the Courtyard Marriott this year.
 - C. “Around the Senate”
- XI. Announcements – Barbara Taylor;
- 1. There is an eight percent increase in the premiums for the medical insurance. The University has decided to pick up the increase through December 31, 2009.
 - 2. There will be a slight increase in premiums for dental insurance.
 - 3. The HR Forum is June 12, 2009 in Old Main’s Giffels Auditorium at 10:00am.
- XII. Recognize Leaving Senators – Paul Bixby; Staff Senate recognized Ronnie Lane.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47am

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Davis