Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2015
9:00 A.M., Billingsly Board Room


Member(s) Absent / Excused: Elisa Bryant and Alicia Hughes.

Determination of Quorum: Fourteen of Sixteen active members present at the beginning of the meeting, quorum established.

Call to Order: R. Frossard called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved and published with minimal corrections.

Administrative/Special Guest Comments:
- Rob Yust discussed that Presidents Council is in the FY16 budgeting process. The budget will hopefully be adopted by the Board of Governors at the June 4 meeting. The University is looking to receive $223,000 of new state appropriations.
- Jeff Gibson discussed that the University is hoping to cut the FY16 deficit budget from what it was in FY15. The residence life population has increased, which has helped to decrease the deficit budget.

Committee Reports: R. Frossard called for Staff Senate committee reports:
1. Communications Committee – meets after Staff Senate to work on update to reported in Accents.

2. Compensations Committee – not met. K. Burr reported that C. Owens has submitted a survey to be sent to other universities to see how their compensation is determined.

3. Elections Committee – C. Owens reported that the three first quarter Sothern Service Champ winners have been chosen and will be presented with their awards shortly. Nominations for Staff Senate are open until May 14 and then elections will be held.
4. **Executive Committee** – R. Frossard reported that the revised Tuition Discount/Fee Waiver was approved by President’s Council and will take effect for the Fall 2015 semester. There is an all staff meeting being discussed for the Fall 2015 semester. Faculty Fridays that were discussed are open to all staff and faculty.

5. **Legislative Oversight Committee** – did not meet.

6. **Staff Welfare Committee** – did not meet.

*R. Frossard called for campus committee reports:*

1. **Administrative Council** – did not meet.

2. **Diversity Committee** – H. Arnold discussed that it has been decided to not apply for the CU grant to help with a speaker this year. The committee will not meet again until the Fall semester.

3. **Faculty Senate** – Nancy Crabtree reported that the Faculty Handbook updates were approved by more than 2/3 of Faculty. Dr. Marble spoke of the possibility of the 50/50 match of 1.5 million dollars for Reynolds Hall renovation and House Bill in the senate, that if passed would provide additional monies. (This has since then been passed) Dr. Lipira remarked upon the all employee survey being distributed via email and encouraged everyone to complete it. Two library resolutions passed: (1) Proposal for administration to look into a student library fee, (2) Proposal to include the library earlier in the process of developing new academic programs. New Faculty Senate 2015-16 officers were elected. The new officers are President, Brian Nichols; President-Elect, Brad Creamer; Past President, Michael Garoutte; Secretary, Megan River; Parliamentarian, Nick Nicoletti; At Large Senator, Leslie Smith.

4. **Financial Stability Committee** – no representative present.

5. **Student Senate** – Heather Arnold discussed that 30 or so new trash cans are being ordered to replace current trash cans around campus with ash trays on top. This is in preparation for the University becoming a Tobacco Free Campus.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Tuition Discount/Fee Waiver – approved by President’s Council and will take effect in the Fall 2015 semester.

2. Community Service Committee – P. Hosp will be the chair of the committee. Any staff or faculty interested in serving on the committee can contact P. Hosp.

3. All Staff Meeting – the Executive Committee is working with President’s Council on an all staff meeting for the Fall semester.

4. Faculty Friday – Dr. Marble gives his greatest apologies if anyone felt this event was not open to all employees. The event will be open to all staff and faculty and more information will be announced as this event is planned.
New Business

1. Recycling – what happens to all the paper and plastic bottles that are in recycling bins across campus? Are they recycled or just thrown away?
   • After much discussion, it was decided that the Executive Committee will discuss this President’s Council to see if there are ways to improve recycling around campus.

2. Insurance Committee – the committee has been reformed and it has been requested that Staff Senate have a representative assigned for a one year term. Melanie Epperson will be the Staff Senate representative.

Anonymous Comments – None.

Comments and Announcements/Guest Input –

• What is the status of the University becoming Tobacco Free?
  o H. Arnold reported that the original timeline is behind schedule. Cessation programs are being offered as they have been in the past for those interested. Contact the Wellness Department if interested in participating in a cessation program.

• The extra 15 minutes for lunch during summer hours is much appreciated. Thank you President’s Council.

Adjournment: C. Owens made a motion to adjourn. P. Hosp seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 in Billingsly Board Room at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Patty Holder