

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE

Special Meeting

September 1, 2011

Approved Minutes

The special meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order on September 1, at 8:45 a.m. in the Mississippi Room, Morris University Center by Michael W. Pulley, President.

**Present:** Bartholomew, Becherer, Cobetto, Gaffney, Gibson, Hamil, Harris, Herbeck, Hicks, McKaig, Pulley, Candela, Sams, **Panel:** Ostrander, Schott, **Ex Officio:** Linda Wense

**Excused:** Dusenbery, Downey

**Absent:** Bagaglio, Erb, Lotz, Nash

Michael Pulley gave the floor to Holly Schott, Elections Chair.

Holly Schott announced that Todd Bartholomew, Negotiated and Prevailing Senator, Laura Scaturro, Diane McKaig, and Jo Gibson, Civil Service Open Range Panel members, and the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, President-elect and the three panel chairs win by acclamation and gave the floor back to Michael W. Pulley.

Michael Pulley **motioned** for the above and following to be ratified:

William Dusenbery, Secretary

Jesse B. Harris, Jr., Treasurer

Keith Becherer, President Elect

Todd Bartholomew, Negotiated and Prevailing Panel Chair

Alan Gaffney, Civil Service Open Range Panel Chair

Jesse B. Harris, Professional Panel Chair

All were **approved and ratified**. The terms begin today, September 1, 2011.

Jesse B. Harris **motioned** for Danita Mumphard to be approved for the Professional Panel. The motion **carried**.

Todd Bartholomew made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

*The gavel was passed from 2011 President Michael W. Pulley to 2012 President Mike Hamil.*

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Vicki Kruse/University Governance*

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The Staff Senate Scholarship Fall 2011 Awards were presented to Sarah Randle and Mitchell Haas with Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, Scholarship Selection Committee Chair Norris Manning, Treasurer Jesse B. Harris, Jr., Staff Senate President Mike Hamil and parents Barb and Ken Randle (National Corn to Ethanol Research Center and Facilities Management) and Stacey Haas (Lovejoy Library-TAS). The Chancellor congratulated the awardees and gave a brief talk.

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order on September 1, 2011 at 9:10 a.m. in the Mississippi Room, Morris University Center by Mike Hamil, President.

**Present:** Bartholomew, Becherer, Cobetto, Gaffney, Gibson, Hamil, Harris, Herbeck, Hicks, McKaig, Pulley, Candela, Sams, Senkfor, Wense, Miles, Ostrander

**Excused:** Downey, Dusenbery

**Absent:** Bagaglio, Nash

**Guests:** Chancellor Vandegrift, Norris Manning, Mitchell Haas, Stacey Haas, Sarah Randle, Barb Randle, Ken Randle, Michelle Welter

**Guest Speaker:** Human Resources Director Sherrie Senkfor provided information on the transitioning of Professional Staff positions to Civil Service. Sherrie gave a brief history of how that came about. Sherrie took questions and provided answers and some discussion.

**Approval of Minutes:** The August 4, 2011 minutes were approved as submitted (Bartholomew/Candela).

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

### Reports

#### Ex-Officio Reports

**SUCSAC:** Linda Wense reported that the SUAA was lobbying on a gun control issue and some members voiced that gun control should not be dealt with by SUAA lobbyists. Linda followed up on a question brought to her earlier regarding the Building Mechanic position was being used to possibly do work above their skill/classification level. According to Tom Morelock, it is used for hiring below the journeyman level employee, and it is not intended to displace any of the crafts and trades. Nothing new was decided. It has been used for eight years. There was a discussion.

**Personnel:** No report.

**SURS:** No report.

### **Panel Reports**

**Negotiated and Prevailing:** Todd Bartholomew reported that plumbers are still negotiating their contract.

**Open Range:** Alan Gaffney reported that a request was made through the newsletter for a volunteer for the Scholarship Selection Committee. Erica Vandiver volunteered to be on the committee. Alan Gaffney made a **motion** to accept Erica Vandiver as a member of the Scholarship Selection Committee from the Open Range constituency. Mike Hamil asked for a vote of approval for Erica Vandiver to fill the Scholarship Selection Committee Open Range seat. **All approved.**

**Professional Staff:** Jesse B. Harris, Jr. gave the floor to Keith Becherer. Keith recommended and made a **motion** for Michelle Welter from Student Affairs to fill the Professional Staff Senate seat left vacant when Keith became Vice President. Mike Hamil asked for a vote of approval for Michelle Welter to fill the remaining term of the Professional Staff Senate seat. **All approved.** The term will expire in 2013.

### **Satellite Campus Reports**

**Alton:** Jackie Candela reported that September 13 is the Smile Committee's celebration to welcome students, staff and faculty to the fall semester at the Alton campus.

**E. St. Louis:** Barbara Sams reported today is the beginning for a lot of the new programs, Head Start. Trio programs received board notification, so are funded for another year and lost 2 programs (Talent Search) and ten staff people and funding. The Charter Program has a new director Gina Washington.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Fundraising committee**

- a. **Ice Cream Cabaret:** Jesse B. Harris, Jr. reported that tomorrow is the Ice Cream Cabaret. Tickets will be available at the door. Jesse highlighted the program of talent. People need to be at the Meridian Ballroom to help at the Cabaret at 11:00 a.m. Sarah Randle, scholarship awardee will help scoop ice cream.
- b. The next event will be the phone-a-thon in September. Originally, it was August but was pushed back.
- c. William Dusenbery is in contact with the Winery in Redbud, Illinois for a wine tasting fundraiser. It is possible that the event will be next spring. There was a discussion about another Winery in Pocahton, Illinois.

**Other Reports:** The first UPBC meeting is tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

**Adjournment:** Jesse B. Harris, Jr. motioned to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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