UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE

SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

APPROVED MINUTES

Announcements: The Fall Scholarship Awards were presented by President Michael W. Pulley, Chancellor Vandegrift and the Scholarship Committee Chair Jesse B. Harris, Jr. The Awardees were introduced by Melanie Schoenborn, Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee. The University Staff Senate congratulates Jenifer Caires, daughter of David Caires of WSIE, Mitchell Haas, son of Stacy Haas of the Lovejoy Library and Aaron Marshall, son of Cheryl Brunsmann of Education outreach.

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order on September 2, 2010 at 9:09 a.m. in the Morris University Center Mississippi Room by Michael W. Pulley, President.

Present: Bagaglio, Bartholomew, Becherer, Dusenbery, Cobetto, Gaffney, Hamil, Harris, Herbeck, Hicks, Lotz, McKaig, Pulley, Stunkel. Ex Officio: Senkfor, Wense. Panel: Chance, Schoenborn

Guests: Chancellor Vandegrift, LaDonna Holhouzer, Jack Nash

Excused: Downey, Erb, Miller, Candela

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift announced the record enrollment of freshman this year at SIUE and gave a brief presentation of the contingency plan which he prepared at the request of President Glenn Poshard to be presented at the BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting this month. The plan has a preamble and four options in the event that SIUE would need to make further cuts in FY11.

1. There are 70 vacant positions (3% of all positions on campus) at this time that do not include faculty or instructional positions, and those positions would be looked at to possibly eliminate some if found to not be needed.
2. Closing the University for one day as a University Administrative Closure would generate $500,000 per day. Everyone would lose pay for such a day. It would be a day when classes weren’t meeting.
4. Reduce Non Academic Programs/Areas.

The Chancellor answered questions afterward.

Michael W. Pulley dismissed for a break at 9:48 a.m.
Michael called the meeting back to order at 10:05 a.m.

Michael Pulley introduced himself and welcomed all the new members. Everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Melanie Schoenborn made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. William Dusenbery seconded. The August 5, 2010 minutes were approved as submitted.
Old Business: Michael Pulley will forward an email from Sherrie Senkfor regarding FMLA questions and answers.

Kyle Stunkel, Elections Chair had a request from Negotiated and Prevailing Panel Chair Jeff Hicks to nominate Jack Nash as Senator, since Mike Hamil accepted the President elect seat leaving his seat as Senator vacant. **All were in favor.** Jack is now a Senator for the Negotiated and Prevailing constituency.

Ice Cream Cabaret: Melanie Schoenborn finalized the Cabaret plans for the Cabaret on Friday, September 3 from 11:30 until 1:00 p.m.

New Business: Michael Pulley requested any names for committees that need appointments ratified at the next Staff Senate Executive Committee meeting.

Reports

Ex Officio Reports

Personnel: No report.

SURS: No report.

SUCSAC: Linda Wense reported there will be no furloughs for Civil Service employees at this time. Laura Scaturro has expressed interest for Linda’s seat when she steps down in 2013. Linda is recommending that she would be a good fit. Linda explained about JCAR (Joint Committee on Administrative Rules) for the new members.

Panel Reports

Negotiated and Prevailing: Jeff Hicks reported that the electricians are working on contracts. Todd Bartholomew reported that there are some concerns with possible outsourcing work in Building Services.

Open Range: No report.

Professional Staff: Jesse B. Harris, Jr. reported that there will be a meeting in two weeks.

Satellite Campus Reports

Alton: No report.

E. St. Louis: William Dusenbery reported that Janina Turley did not run for another term as Staff Senator for E. St. Louis. There was a discussion on how to fill the seat. A recommendation has been made from the Interim Director at E. St. Louis Campus.

UPBC: No report.
Public Relations Committee

Newsletter: William Dusenbery recognized Mike Hamil for his work on the newsletter. Mike requested for pictures to be taken at the Cabaret for the newsletter. Bill Brinson will be there to take some pictures and a few volunteered to bring their camera.

Policy Review Committee: Greg Herbeck gave a brief summary on work with Human Resources Director.

Scholarship Committee: Melanie Schoenborn reported that the two 50/50 drawing winners gave the money back to the Staff Senate Scholarship Fund. Melanie will do a 50/50 drawing at the Ice Cream Cabaret. Drawing will be done at the end and the winner does not have to be present when the name is drawn. According to the Ethics officer (Shrylene Langston and Corey Bradford), the Staff Senate can hold 50/50 drawings if they do not involve any outside vendor.

Fundraising committee: Jesse requested that any senate member who wants to go to the Maryville Winery to see if it would be a good place to hold a Wine Tasting Scholarship Fundraiser, a group will be going soon. It will be announced or please, contact Michael Pulley, Melanie Schoenborn or Jesse.

Another idea, Theo Jamison approached Jesse about a shared fundraising event that can be discussed after the Cabaret.

Goals Committee: No report.

Other Reports: Michael W. Pulley reported that Catherine Miller resigned from panel seat on Open Range with one year left before her term ends. A copy of her email will be filed with the minutes. The listserv will be discussed at the SSEC meeting.

The Council of Councils will meet again in October at Governor’s StateUniversity. If interested, please let Michael Pulley know and he will meet with the Chancellor to request funds for travel and lodging.

Jesse reminded everyone that a possible phonathon will be discussed at the October Staff Senate meeting.

Michael Pulley addressed the Senate about starting time since it conflicts with the time of the University Quality Council meets. He would like to attend these meetings as the Staff Senate representative in addition to the Staff Senate meetings.

William Dusenbery made a motion that we move the meeting to 8:30 a.m. until further notice. It was seconded by Todd Bartholomew. The motion passed.

Adjournment: William Dusenbery motioned to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved as amended October 7, 2010 by the Staff Senate
Vicki Kruse/University Governance