UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE

July 7, 2011

Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order on July 7, 2011 at 9:03 a.m. in the Mississippi Room in the Morris University Center by Michael W. Pulley, President.

Present: Bartholomew, Becherer, Dusenbery, Cobetto, Gaffney, Hamil, Harris, Herbeck, McKaig, Pulley, Candela; ex officio: Wense; Panel: Mumphard

Excused: Bagaglio, Downey, Erb, Gibson, Nash

Absent: Hicks, Lotz, Sams

Guests: Norris Manning, Scholarship Selection Committee Chair, Josh Olmstead

Guest Speaker: Josh Olmstead, Assistant Director of Annual Giving from SIUE Foundation gave a brief overview of how the phone-a-thon will operate along with a follow-up on its progress. It will take place in August and Josh Olmstead or Julie Babington will report back to the Senate on September 1. A final report is expected at the end of the Fall semester when a 25% fee of all donations will be accessed by the Foundation to the Staff Senate for work on the phone-a-thon. Vicki Kruse will be named the contact person for the donors to reach with questions. The overview was followed with questions and answers.

Approval of Minutes: The June 2, 2011 minutes were approved as written. (Harris/Dusenbery)

Old Business

The Webinar Brown Bag lunch will be today at 11:30 a.m. about GPO (Government Pension Offset) and WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision). The link to the Webinar will be provided via the announce Listserv after the Brown Bag today. It was decided that the Brown Bags would continue in the Fall. There was a discussion.

New Business

The Elections Committee Report was not given at this time.

Reports

SUCSAC: No report.

Personnel: No report. There was some discussion at this time about the health insurance issue regarding Healthlink, Personal Care OAP and open enrollment period. There was some discussion about the request the Chancellor make for the 2.5% raise for non represented employees at the July 14 Board of Trustees meeting.

SURS: No report.
Panel Reports

**Negotiated and Prevailing:** Todd Bartholomew encouraged everyone to consider attending the open meetings for the candidates applying for the Facilities Management Director.

**Open Range:** Alan Gaffney recognized Jo Gibson for volunteering to be on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Alan Gaffney brought forth the names of Diane McKaig and Jo Gibson to be considered on the Open Range Panel. All were in favor and approved by the Senate.

**Professional:** Jesse B. Harris, Jr. reported that the Panel will be meeting with Sherrie Senkfor to understand the process of reassignment and learn how to participate.

Satellite Campus Reports

**Alton:** Jackie Candela reported that the SDM Dean Ann Boyle is now the Interim Provost and Associate Dean Dr. Bruce Rotter is now acting as Interim Dean at the SDM. The old floor is being replaced in the clinic at this time.

**East St. Louis:** William Dusenbery reported that the summer programs are in process. New Head Start director will be in place next week. There will be a new director of the Charter School in the Fall as Dr. Frances Karanovich will be back at the main campus on July 1.

Public Relations Committee: No report.

**Newsletter:** Deadline to submit articles will be July 25. Jackie Candela will bring rough draft to the September 1 meeting before publishing.

Policy Review Committee: No report.

Scholarship Committee: Selection Committee Chair Norris Manning presented the Chancellor’s revisions of the Scholarship Handbook with some other corrections of grammar and inadvertent omissions. Copies of the revised pages were available for review. The revisions were approved.

Norris Manning announced the July 21 meeting for the Scholarship Selection Committee and the August 4 Staff Senate meeting for the scholarship awards presentation with the Chancellor.

Fundraising Committee: there was discussion about the Ice Cream Cabaret. Jesse B. Harris, Jr. contacted Cheryl Heard for the date of September 2 set for the Cabaret. Michael Pulley is to send a formal request as Staff Senate President to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs for support with room and ice cream.

Mike Hamil has been in contact with Jim McDermott regarding the possible move to the MUC for the BBQ since Human Resources will be moving the Benefits Fair there, next year. There was discussion.

Goals Committee: No report.
Other Reports: Michael W. Pulley announced that Jesse B. Harris, Jr. submitted paperwork for retirement for December 2011 and that someone will need to step up to fill the Treasury seat. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the executive committee members.

Parking & Traffic Committee: William Dusenbery reported that parking passes are up for sale now and are up 5% from last year. William gave a summary of how the parking and traffic are financially supported.

Adjournment: William Dusenbery made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Approved as submitted August 4, 2011, University Staff Senate
Vicki Kruse/University Governance