The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order on December 1, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. in the Mississippi Room, Morris University Center by Mike Hamil, President.

**Present:** Bartholomew, Becherer, Dusenbery, Gibson, Hamil, Herbeck, McKaig, Ormesher, Welter, Candela; **Panel:** Mumphard

**Excused:** Cobetto, Downey, Gaffney, Hicks, Pulley, Sams

**Absent:** Bagaglio, Harris, Nash

**Guest:** Suzanne Lohrum, SIUE Credit Union

**Approval of Minutes:** The November 3, 2011 minutes were approved as submitted. (Dusenbery/Bartholomew)

**Old Business:** Mike Hamil met with the Chancellor Monday and discussed “Staff Appreciation Day” which was initially researched and brought to the Chancellor when Kyle Stunkel was president and died with the budget problems. Mike is tentatively looking at setting a date in July and could include a ‘Farewell’ to the Chancellor. Mike will contact Linda Wense who was on the original committee to help put together a page of ideas to give the Chancellor by next month. Jo Gibson volunteered to be on the committee. There was a discussion. The Governance secretary will find the old file for Mike.

‘Staff Appreciation’ will be an agenda item beginning next month.

Jesse B. Harris, Jr. retirement: There was a discussion and plans made for showing appreciation to Jesse at his retirement reception.

**New Business**

A. **Professional Staff Senate Seat:** William Dusenbery nominated Danita Mumphard to be Senator to fill the rest of Jesse B. Harris’ term. It was seconded by Michelle Welter. There was no discussion. All approved. Danita gave a brief history of her college and career at SIUE and thanked the Senate.

**Professional Panel Chair Open Seat:** The panel will meet and decide on names to bring forward for approval. The Senator choices are; Cindy Cobetto, Danita Mumphard, William Dusenbery or Michelle Welter.

B. **Treasurer Open Seat:** Diane McKaig was appointed by Mike Hamil from a recommendation from Jo Gibson and the November meeting. Diane gave a brief history of experience she has in
accounting. Mike will contact Joan Cummings. Governance secretary will make an appointment for the President and Treasurer to sign fiscal officer papers at the Foundation.

Reports

Ex-Officio Reports:

SUSeA: No report.

Personnel: No report.

SURS: There was a discussion about the Money Purchase from last month’s presentation.

Panel Reports

Negotiated and Prevailing: No report.

Open Range: No report.

Professional Staff: William Dusenbery asked Vice President Keith Becherer to coordinate polling the Panel to make nominations for Chair. Keith wants to publicly thank Jesse for his many years of service to the Senate. Keith received a list from H.R. of all the represented Professional Staff.

Satellite Campus Reports

Alton: No report.

E. St. Louis: William Dusenbery reported that Head Start moved in the new facility in Cahokia. The STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) Lab is nearing completion at the East St. Louis Center.

Standing Committees

UPBC: No report.

Public Relations Committee: No report. A question was asked about why there are no Christmas decorations in the MUC this year. Apparently, no one is trained to climb the tall ladder to do them since the persons that did it in the past retired.

Newsletter: A thank you for the newsletter.

Policy Review Committee: Greg Herbeck reported that there is discussion about the funeral/bereavement leave policy (three vs. four days) between Human Resources and the Chancellor. There was a discussion. The discussion ran into the video surveillance policy which is still in committee.

Scholarship Committee: No report. There was a discussion about the Chair seat. There was a discussion about the Faculty for Collective Bargaining Scholarship and it is not clear if there will be one awarded for the spring semester because of the transition of Treasurer and Scholarship Committee Chair.
**Fundraising Committee:** No report. There was a question about the phone-a-thon. The committee is waiting to hear from Foundations.

**Goals Committee:** No Report.

**Other Reports:** Mike Hamil reported the Chancellor Search Committee has been formed and the Staff Senate appointees are; Lora Miles and Brian Lotz. Brian will attend the next Staff Senate Executive Committee meeting to give a report on the progress.

Mike appointed Cindy Cobetto to the University Center Board replacing Jesse B. Harris’ seat.

The Fundraising Committee Co-Chair William Dusenbery who co chaired with Jesse is now Chair.

Mike appointed Kirt Ormesher to the open seat on the Parking and Traffic Committee.

**Adjournment:** William Dusenbery made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

*Approved as submitted by the Staff Senate
University Governance/Vicki Kruse*