The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order on February 2, 2012 at 9:02 a.m. in the Mississippi Room, Morris University Center by Mike Hamil, President.

**Present:** Bartholomew, Becherer, Dusenbery, Cobetto, Gaffney, Gibson, Hamil, Herbeck, Hicks, McKaig, Mumphard, Ormesher, Pulley, Welter, Candela; **Ex-Officio:** Senkfor, Wense

**Excused:** Downey, Nash

**Absent:** Bagaglio, Sams

**Guest:** Norris Manning, Dr. Bradley Hewett, Jaci DeClue

**Announcements:** Brian Lotz gave a timeline for the application and interview process of the Chancellors Search. Lora Flam Miles and John Navin will report at the March Senate meeting on the progress of the search. If anyone has any recommendations they need to make them to the Chancellors Search Committee c/o John Navin.

Sherrie Senkfor, Director of Human Resources will speak and answer question today about employee background check process changes. Dr. Bradley Hewett and Jaci DeClue will speak and answer questions about Division I Athletics and Academic Compliance.

**Approval of Minutes:** The January 5, 2012 minutes were approved as submitted (Bartholomew/Dusenbery).

**Treasurers Report**

Diane McKaig presented a written report through the end of December to be filed with the minutes. Diane noted the end of year donations. There was a discussion about the $1.00 campaign and that the minimum payroll deduction is now $5.00 per month. Vicki will confirm the amount for Jo Gibson to print in the newsletter. There will be more information to come later about an endowment being set up by Jesse B. Harris, Jr. and his wife for the Staff Senate Scholarship Fund.

**Old Business**

There was a discussion about the SIUE Experience.

**New Business**

Sherrie Senkfor described upcoming changes for the pre-employment background checks process. She handed out a print copy of a PowerPoint presentation. It will be filed with the minutes. There was discussion with questions and answers.
Diane McKaig said that $2000.00 is available in the treasury for scholarships. Todd Bartholomew made a motion to award the Summer Scholarship at the discretion of the selection committee. Michelle Welter seconded the motion. There was discussion and it was decided to table the motion at this time to allow for the guest speakers’ schedules.

It was agreed to have a change of order to accommodate schedules.

University Center Board: Cindy Cobetto reported on the Union Station (Morris University Center) renovation project that is set to begin in Spring 2013.

ICAC (Intercollegiate Athletic Committee): Dr. Bradley L. Hewett, Director of Athletics and Assistant Vice Chancellor, Athletic Development and Jaci DeClue, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Student Services presented a video and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of Division I sports and academic compliance. Jaci informed the Senate of the new web site with Cougar products for sale. Jo Gibson will put the link in the Newsletter.

Summer Scholarship continued: The discussion continued for approving a dollar amount for the Summer Scholarship. William Dusenbery had a friendly amendment to set a limit of $1000.00 to spend at the discretion of the Selection Committee. The motion with the amendment: “A motion was made to approve the Summer Scholarship with a maximum limit of $1,000.00 to be awarded at the discretion of the Selection Committee.” Todd Bartholomew agreed to the amendment. There was discussion. The motion with the friendly amendment was approved.

SUCSAC: Linda Wense reported that the Council of Councils will be held on October 26 this year at Northeastern Illinois University. The SIUE “Employee of the Month” can be posted on the Civil Service System web site. The biannual audit at SIUE will be in August this year. The system is combining two positions, the Administrative Aid and Administrative Assistant because their duties are similar. Linda Wense gave a brief description of the Council of Councils for those unfamiliar with the event.

Personnel: No report.

SURS: No report

Panel Reports

Negotiated and Prevailing: No report.

Open Range: No report.

Professional Staff: No report.

Satellite Campus Reports

Alton: Jackie Candela reported that they are preparing for accreditation at the Dental School which they do every seven years.

E. St. Louis: William Dusenbery reported that the STEM classroom is close to completion.
UPBC: Alan Gaffney reported that Nobbe Emmanuel gave his budget requests at the last meeting. The next meeting is February 10.

Public Relations Committee

Newsletter: Jo Gibson passed around a draft of the newsletter. It will have an article about Jesse B. Harris, Jr. and will include an announcement of the March 15 Civil Service Banquet which changed to the SIUE Employee Banquet.

Policy Review Committee: No report.

Scholarship Committee: No report.

Fund-raising Committee: No report.

Goals: No report.

Other: Mike Hamil reported two seats will be open because Terry Downey and Jack Nash are not able to attend meetings on a regular basis. Mike has a letter drafted and will send both letters regarding their release from service according to the constitution and by-laws.

Adjournment: Todd Bartholomew made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Approved as submitted March 1, 2012 by the Staff Senate
University Governance/Vicki Kruse