UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE

June 7, 2012

Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order on June 7, 2012 at 9:04 a.m. in the International Room, Morris University Center by Mike Hamil, President.

Present: Bartholomew, Becherer, Cobetto, Gaffney, Hamil, Herbeck, Hicks, McKaig, Mills, Ormesher, Pulley, Alton: Candela

Excused: Dusenbery

Absent: Bagaglio, Mumphard, East St. Louis: Sams

Guests: Jamie Conklin, Kevin Adkins, Becky Cooper, Tami Kershaw

Announcements: Mike Hamil reminded everyone whose term will be up this year to send your candidacy forms in by June 22, if planning to continue to serve. Jamie Conklin and Kevin Atkins will be addressing the Senate today at 10:00 a.m. about a Sustainability Office.

Approval of Minutes: The May 3, 2012 minutes were approved as submitted (Gaffney/Candela).

Old Business

Staff Appreciation: Keith Becherer reported the committee met briefly this week and the major plans are in place. The Chancellor’s Office is taking care of invitations and an announcement created by Marketing and Communications will go out to all employees soon. Some past Chancellor’s and dignitaries will be in attendance. There will be prizes and a menu of hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwursts, veggie burgers, chips, soda, cake and cookies. Possibly transportation will be provided for those coming from East St. Louis and Alton campus’.

Staff Senate BBQ: Mike Hamil reported that he received a final invoice and will try to get it adjusted. The soda and water were listed and charged to the Senate when the soda was supposed to be donated by Pepsi. There was also, an ‘out of building’ charge of over $150.00 that Mike will see if it can be adjusted. There was discussion about possibly making some changes for next year and letting the Fundraising committee put it on their agenda.

Open Meetings Act: Mike Hamil highly encouraged elected senators and panel members to do the online Open Meetings Training before December 31 for current members. The link will be posted on the Staff Senate Web Site to make it more convenient for the Senate to access. It was also discussed to possibly have a representative from the State’s Attorney’s Office address the Senate about the training.
New Business

Ice Cream Cabaret: The Ice Cream Cabaret is held the last day of Cougar Welcome which will be Friday, August 31 this year from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Meridian Ball Room. It was decided that it would only be necessary to use only half of the Ball Room. Some plans were discussed.

Guest Speakers: Jamie Kevin Adkins addressed the Senate about adding an office for Sustainability on campus. The presented a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions. The PowerPoint will be posted on the Staff Senate Web Site. Kevin made a request for the Senate to support initiatives for an office on campus. Nothing was decided at this point.

Mike Hamil called a 10 minute recess at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:33 a.m.

There was a discussion about the July 5 meeting and the possibility of not having a quorum because of the July 4 holiday the week of the meeting. It was decided that Mike Hamil will notify the Senate if cancellation of the July meeting is necessary due to no business or no quorum.

Todd Bartholomew made a motion to nominate Tami Kershaw for the vacant seat for the Negotiated and Prevailing Senator which will expire in 2013. Greg Herbeck seconded. It was approved by the Negotiated and Prevailing Panel members present.

Alan Gaffney made a motion to nominate Becky Cooper to fill the vacant seat for the Open Range Senator and Panel left by Jo Gibson’s retirement. Cindy Cobetto seconded. It was approved by the Open Range Panel members present.

Reports

Ex Officio Reports

SUCSAC: Mike Pulley reported that Sherrie Senkfor will be announcing the four candidates who have put in a petition for the EAC position. The election will be June 26 and details are to be announced at that time.

Personnel: No report.

SURS: Keith Becherer asked about the email from T.R. Carr which was an update of some pension reforms. Cindy Cobetto will ask T. R. Carr about SURS and if he would be available to speak to the Staff Senate.

Panel Reports

Negotiated and Prevailing: No report.

Open Range: No report.
Professional: Keith Becherer reported that the Chair will be back next week from maternity leave. There are two seats open for Panel members which are two year terms. A question was asked about staggering terms. Since Bill Dusenbery was not at the meeting to answer that question, it was decided that the By-Laws could possibly need changed to do that. The request would go to Bill as Chair of the Constitutions and By-Laws Committee.

Satellite Campus Reports

Alton: Jackie Candela reported construction continues and the search for the Dean is ongoing.

E. St. Louis: No report.

Standing Committees

UPBC: No report.

Public Relations:

Newsletter: Jackie Candela and Becky Cooper plan to have the next newsletter out before the Staff Appreciation to announce it and Ice Cream Cabaret.

Scholarship Committee: Diane McKaig, Treasurer, reported that there would be enough funds for a Fall Scholarship. There was a discussion about funds and transferring funds from the Benefit account to the Scholarship spendable and the endowment accounts. Wayne Miles made a motion to move $2,500.00 to the spendable account and $2,500.00 to the endowment account, a total of $5,000.00 to be transferred from the Benefit account. It was seconded by Todd Bartholomew. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved.

Todd Bartholomew made a motion for $1,000.00 to be made available for the Fall Scholarship and to be awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee. Jackie Candela seconded. The motion was approved.

Fundraising Committee: Mike Hamil reported that since Jesse Harris has retired that Bill Dusenbery has been the interim chair and for everyone to be thinking about getting someone to step up and volunteer for Chair. If anyone is interested, they are to email Mike Hamil. There was discussion that there needs to be someone to do that since the Ice Cream Cabaret is coming up and Jesse always lined up the entertainment for that.

Goals Committee: No report.

Other: Mike Hamil reminded everyone about the election forms. The Board of Trustees meeting will be on July 12 at the Springfield campus and Mike and Keith Becherer will attend.

Adjournment: Cindy Cobetto made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Approved as submitted August 2, 2012 by the Staff Senate
University Governance/Vicki Kruse