The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order on November 1, 2012 at 9:05 a.m. in the ES B-2074 Room at the East St. Louis Campus by Keith Becherer, President.

Present: Bartholomew, Becherer, Caupert, Cobetto, Cooper, Dickey, Gilmore, Hamil, Kershaw, Kwame Ross alt for Mills, Mumphard, Ormesher, Welter, Candela; Ex Officio: Pulley

Excused: Dusenbery, Gaffney, Johnson, McKaig

Guests: Dr. Andrew Theising, SUAA Representative Janet Hunsche

Announcements: Keith Becherer announced that Dr. Kevin Thomas, Director of Retention will be a guest speaker in December while Dr. Bradley Hewett, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director for Intercollegiate Athletics and Dr. Bill Retzlaff, Chair of the ICAC (Intercollegiate Athletic Committee) will speak in January and Dr. Narbeth Emmanuel will speak in February.

Board of Trustees meeting will be on November 8 at Edwardsville campus.

Sunday, November 11 is Veterans Day and Keith thanked current and veterans who serve/d.

The final Preview Day of the semester is Monday November 12.

Keith introduced Dr. Andrew Theising, Interim Director at East St. Louis Center and Director of the Institute for Urban Research. Dr. Theising told the Senate about his tenure at SIUE. He gave a presentation which included his vision for the East St. Louis Campus and all of the programs connected to the campus and some of the concerns for students in the area. He answered questions from the Senators. Topics Dr. Theising covered:

- Truth, integrity, accountability and working by the rules are important.
- Three community colleges; SWIC (Southwestern Illinois College), Lewis and Clark Community College and Kaskaskia College have programs and classes housed there.
- Charter Schools are housed at East St. Louis. 125 high school students attend.
- Upward Bound program is an afternoon program.
- Head Start and Early Head Start program helps during pregnancy through kindergarten.
- 50% of all of SIUE’s grants come out of East St. Louis.
- The carpenters and painters have been very active at East St. Louis with students.

Keith introduced Janet Hunsche President of the SUAA SIUE Local Chapter. Janet shared information to the Senate about the SUAA (State Universities Annuities Association). The web site address is suaa.org.

Consideration of Minutes: The October 4, 2012 minutes were approved as submitted (Bartholomew/Gilmore).

Treasurer’s Report: Mike Hamil received word of the report by email in the absence of the Treasurer. The Treasurer’s report was tabled until Mike accesses the email. It was reported from Diane’s email that the phone-a-thon will be conducted in the spring by the Foundation.
Old Business

Open Meetings Act: Keith Becherer received word from Todd Wakela that the Staff Senate does not fall under the requirements for the OMA training, but Keith encouraged all to do the training, anyway.

May Fundraiser: No report

Chancellor’s Address to the University: Keith Becherer requested feedback and comments. There were none.

His observations were:

- Staff was referenced with faculty
- Technology
- Globalization of the campus and studying abroad
- Enrollment Management plan

The Staff and Faculty Senates had a brown bag lunch with the Lt. Gov. Shelia Simon at her request to discuss ways to retain students for a more successful graduation rate. Some of the things discussed were students’ proficiency in math; curriculum; four year university versus trade school; and transferring to a four year university from Community Colleges.

Chick-fil-A: Keith reminded everyone that an advisory group is meeting regularly and he is representing the staff as the Staff Senate President if anyone wants to send comments. There was no new feedback.

Strategic Planning Committee: Keith Becherer requested feedback on the mission, vision and values statements. If anyone has any feedback, please contact Keith so that he can take it to the committee.

New Business

No new business

Keith called a 10 minute break at 10:02 a.m.

10: 13 a.m. the meeting resumed.

Treasurer’s Report

Mike Hamil reported for Diane McKaig:

- **SS Benefit Account**
  - $1733.00 with a $50.00 deposit
  - $1823.00 Total

- **FS Development Account**
  - $219.19

- **Faculty for Collective Bargaining Account**
  - $1014.52 (Spendable)
  - $14516.24 (Endowment)
  - (- $116.80 due to investment returns)
  - $15415.96 Total

- **SS Scholarship Fund Account**
  - $4238.89 (Spendable)
  - $48180.97 (Endowment)
  - +43.00 (deposit)
  - $48223.97
  - $52462.86 Grand Total
Vicki will email a copy of the report to the Senate. The report is filed with the minutes.

**Reports**

**Ex-Officio Reports**

**SUCSAC:** Michael Pulley gave a report of the last meeting he attended. As part of Michael’s report he had a handout for everyone about the Constitutional Amendment. More Professional/Administrative staff positions to be converted to Civil Service positions are in order. There was a conversation about pension and different scenarios after retiring and coming back to work at the university. Michael asked if there were any requests that he may take to the next meeting and to contact him if they have any.

**VC Administration Designee:** No report

**SURS:** No report

**Panel Reports**

**Negotiated and Prevailing:** No report

**Open Range:** No report

**Prof/Administrative Staff:** No report

**Satellite Campus Reports**

**Alton:** Jackie Candela reported that they served almost 200 children at the ‘Give Kids a Smile last week. The Alton campus will undergo the 7 year accreditation site visit on November 13.

**East St. Louis:** No report

**Standing Committee**

**UPBC:** They met this week and are in the process of looking at changes in the operating papers to comply with the Open Meetings Act.

**UCB:** No report, but the next meeting will be next Wednesday.

**Public Relations Committee:** No report

**Newsletter:** No report

**Policy Review Committee:** No report

**Scholarship Committee:** No report

**Fundraising Committee:** No report

**Goals Committee:** No report
Other

Keith Becherer reminded everyone about Ethics in the workplace (university time or equipment). The annual implementations policy is a policy that calls attention to the timing of curricular changes that affect the catalog and calendar.

Keith Becherer will address the Student Senate tomorrow. Monday is the regular meeting of the Senate presidents with the Chancellor and if anyone has anything they want him to bring up, send it to Keith by Friday afternoon.

There was a discussion on each of the following topics, but no action: candidates requesting tours of the National Corn Ethanol Research Center, labor at the National Corn Ethanol Research Center.

Kirt Ormesher reported that there was a request for landscaping at parking lot A. Half of the work is done and as money becomes available the other half work will be completed.

Adjournment: Jackie Candela made a motion to adjourn. Cindy Cobetto seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Approved as Submitted on December 6, 2012 by the Staff Senate
Vicki Kruse/University Governance

Treasurer’s report attached.