University Staff Senate  
October 1, 2015  
Approved Minutes  

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order on October 1, 2015 at 9:04 am in the Board Room, Morris University Center by Cindy Cobetto, president. 

Present: Bartholomew, Caupert, Cobetto, Dickey, Dusenbery, Fricke, Mumphard, Ormesher, Pulley, Toberman, Candela, Manning 

Excused: Trucks, Hunter, Langston 

Guests: Stephen Hansen, Stacie Kirk, Madeline McCune, Bill Winter, Doug McIlhagga, Kim Durr, Paul Fuligni 

Guest Speaker 1 

Faculty Senate President Stacie Kirk discussed the roles and responsibilities of Faculty Senate. There are also opportunities for the student, staff and faculty senate presidents to meet together with the Chancellor and talk about common issues. Following the presentation, Stacie welcomed questions and provided answers and comments. The health benefits and budget issues are of concern to employees. 

Guest Speaker 2 

Student Government President Madeline McCune discussed funding and budget cuts and how collaboration works. 14% of SIUE students are paid for by MAP funding. Madeline encouraged staff to push for MAP grants on behalf of students. McCune also discussed the upcoming events which are; Screaming Hunting Ground movie, sexual assault, and the angel tree. Student government has lined up codes with Uber for Homecoming weekend. Family weekend is also approaching. Madeline answered questions. A question was asked about how they reach out to commuter students. The Student government meets in the Goshen Lounge every other Friday. The next meeting is on October 9th. 

Announcements 

- Cindy Cobetto read a thank you letter from Shrylene Langston and Jesse Dixon of the East St. Louis Center on behalf of the 2015 Annual Employee Training Day donation from the members of the Staff Senate. The letter is filed with the minutes. 
- FAQS to Interim Chancellor – reminder to send questions to Cindy 
- Cindy announced appointments of Jennifer Coomer to the Four Year Review Committee for the Dean of Graduate School, Carol Gentry on the Search Committee for the Dean of the School of Engineering, Angie White on the Search Committee for the School of Nursing and lastly five people to the Student Affairs Hearing Panel: Gretchen Fricke, Melanie Schoenborn, Jackie Candela, Michelle Welter and Laura Scaturro. 

Approval of Minutes: The September 3, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.
**Action Item:**

Ratification of Administrative Staff Senator Danita Mumphard was unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** None

Treasurer's Report: Anne Hunter submitted a report. Cindy Cobetto read the balances of each account.

- Benefit Account: $3620.90
- Faculty for Collective Bargaining Scholarship Endowment Spendable: $2763.78
- Faculty for Collective Bargaining Scholarship Endowment: $14837.43
  - Reserve: $1114.94
- University Staff Senate Scholarship Endowment Spendable: $2986.98
- University Staff Senate Scholarship Endowment: $60440.97
  - Reserve: $4014.17
- TOTAL University Staff Senate Scholarship Endowment: $67442.12

Bill Dusenbery made a motion to have up to $1500 available of the Faculty for Collective Bargaining Scholarship spendable funds to be awarded at the discretion of the selection committee. Todd Bartholomew seconded. There was discussion. The motion was approved.

**New Business**

Todd Bartholomew nominated John Milcic to be a Negotiated and Prevailing Senator. John's paperwork has been turned submitted. Ratification will take place at the November meeting.

**Reports**

**Ex Officio**

**UPBC:** Norris Manning reported that the Chancellor brought a proposal to the UPBC meeting a few weeks ago and last Friday there were discussions and a vote of support from UPBC. There was acknowledgement that it could impact our operations. John Caupert added that it was unanimously passed. There was discussion.

10:05 a.m. Cindy Cobetto called a break.

10:20 a.m. the meeting resumed.

**Other Reports**

**School of Nursing Dean Search Committee:** Angie White submitted a report.

**Banquet Committee Report:** Anne Hunter submitted a report.
**UCB:** Kirt Ormesher reported that they had not met yet but noted that Apple pulled their contract with the University Book Store. The Grills Gone Wild was not profitable and has closed. Kirt will take comments about fewer choices at the Center Court Grill back to the Center Board.

**Guest Speaker:** Interim Chancellor Stephen Hansen came to the senate to talk about the budget and his proposal that he took to the UPBC. A handout was provided. Basically, he is proposing a realignment of the budget. More will come out at the Chancellor’s Address on **October 13 at 10:00 in the Meridian Ballroom.** After the Chancellor’s presentation, a few minutes were spent with a question and answer session.

**11:05 a.m.** the Scholarship presentation with the Chancellor, Staff Senate president, Scholarship Committee and awardees took place in the open area of the MUC outside the meeting room. Photos were taken of the awardees, family members and Chancellor. Three fall Staff Senate scholarships were awarded:

* Kaitlyn Frisbee daughter of Michelle Frisbee of the Office of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs,
* Allison Buchmiller daughter of Susan Buchmiller of Financial Aid, and
* Gage Geiger son of Paula Geiger of the Bursar’s Office

**11:12 a.m.** the meeting resumed with continuation of the question and answer session. The session ended with some positive words from John Caupert.

**SUCSAC:** Michael Pulley reported that Jeff Brownfield was chose to be the new director of SUCSS. Parking & Traffic Committee minutes are posted online: [http://www.siue.edu/parking/Minutes.shtml](http://www.siue.edu/parking/Minutes.shtml) Bill Dusenbery reported that the Zip car is getting more use.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. (Dusenbery/Dickey).

*Approved as submitted November 5, 2015*

*Vicki Kruse/University Governance*
September 17, 2015

SIUE Staff Senate
Attention: Vicki Kruse
C/o University Governance Office, Campus Box 1252
Edwardsville, IL 62026

Dear Ms. Kruse:

Thank you for your generous donation of a $25 Schnucks Gift Card to be used as a door prize for our 2015 Annual Employee Training Day.

Your donation provides a great start to the planning of our 2015 Annual Employee Training Day! Each year, we set aside one day to honor our employees and show appreciation for their hard work and dedication to children and families of the Metro East region. Through programs such as Head Start, Early Head Start, Project Success, Latchkey and Upward Bound, we offer children and families renewed hope and opportunity to achieve educational, career and life goals.

The SIUE Staff Senate will be listed as a supporting sponsor in the Training Day booklet that will be distributed to all of our employees in 2015, and will be added to our webpage as a sponsor.

Again, we extend our many thanks to you for partnering with us to make our Annual Employee Training Day a success and contributing to the good work being done in our community!

Sincerely,

Jesse Dixon
Director
East St. Louis Center

Shyrelle Clark Langston
Assistant Director
East St. Louis Center