The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order on January 7, 2016 at 9:13 a.m. in the Board Room, Morris University Center by Cindy Cobetto, president.

Present: Bartholomew, Cobetto, Trucks, Dickey, Dusenbery, Fricke, Hunter, Milcic, Ormesher, Pulley, Schilling, Schoenborn, Candela; Panel: White

Excused: Caupert, Mumphard

Absent: Toberman

Guests: Howard Ash, Jo Gibson, Interim Chancellor Hansen, Amanda Lotter, Deanna Lotter, John Lotter, Stacey Pettit, and Mary Ann B. Pettit

The Faculty for Collective Bargaining Scholarship presentation took place outside the Board Room overlooking the first floor of the Morris University Center. The awardees’, Stacey Pettit and Amanda Lotter and parents, pictures were taken with the Chancellor, Staff Senate president and Scholarship Committee Chair. Congratulations to both students.

Announcements: Cindy Cobetto gave the announcements listed on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections were made to the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended (Schoenborn/Dusenbery).

Action: Ratification of Neal Schilling, Negotiated and Prevailing Senator unanimously approved. There was a discussion about the term. He will serve in the seat which expires 2016.

Old Business

Constitution & Bylaws: Melanie reported that work is progressing as intended and a first read of the proposed changes is planned for February.

New Business

Candidacy Forms: A first read took place of the proposed revisions to the current forms converting them into a 2 page document that can be printed on one sheet of paper, double-sided. Todd Bartholomew moved to approve the first read with a second by Clyde Trucks, II. There was a discussion.

Student Care Packages Discussion: A discussion began with the question “Does the Senate want to do this?” Bill Dusenbery motioned that the Senate provide care packages for students as a potential scholarship fundraiser. Anne Hunter seconded. There was discussion about how to proceed. Possible contacts would be Todd Burrell and Ryan Downey from Admissions. The Fundraising committee could create an ad hoc committee for pulling the together and working on the project for next spring. A good time to have a handout for parents would be at Springboard which takes place in May. Transfer and International students could be included. Gretchen Fricke volunteered to be liaison with Todd and Ryan. Other points of contact may be Housing and Kimmel. The motion was approved unanimously. Anne Hunter will do some preliminary contacting of key people, and then gather members before setting first committee meeting.

Ombuds Discussion: Kirt Ormesher had a request to bring this up in the Senate and welcomed comments or questions for discussion. Melanie Schoenborn explained some of the responsibilities of an Ombuds person. It was decided that after gathering some information by possibly speaking with the faculty Ombuds and checking their web site that a
committee could be formed to initiate an Ombuds for staff. Michael Pulley will check if other universities have one at the next EAC meeting and follow up with the Senate.

Electons Committee: There was a discussion about setting a schedule for the election to replace the East St. Louis senator because of retirement. Melanie Schoenborn confirmed the procedure by reading section VIII in Article I. of the by-laws. The nominating committee will be Melanie Schoenborn, Gretchen Fricke and Clyde Trucks, Ill. They will set election to fill the term expiring in 2017 and put notice out to East St. Louis. One person has expressed interest to Bill Dusenbery. Melanie will contact Jenny (Virginia) Burkhart about getting something in the East St. Louis campus newsletter and online announcement

SUCSAC: Before break, Michael Pulley requested to have the SUCSAC report. Everyone agreed. Michael reported that for the first time in the history of EAC that both EAC and Human Resources groups will meet together on Friday, January 15. They will be meeting to work together to understand each of their group’s perspective on the ‘rules’ regarding professional versus civil service. EAC will follow-up with a meeting to discuss the outcome. Another change coming up is the biennial audit will be replaced with a three or four year audit.

Cindy Cobetto called a break at 10:22 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:33 a.m.

Questions about the email regarding “Cougar Bucks/Plan” were asked and led to a discussion about the new options. Bill Dusenbery will report about this with his Parking & Traffic report next month.

Reports

Treasurer’s Report: Anne Hunter reported the balances of accounts. There is no change to the Benefits account since the last statement. Anne made a motion to transfer $1,253.49 from the Benefit account to the Staff Senate #8 account for expenses incurred planning the Employee Banquet fundraiser. Bill Dusenbery seconded. Motion was approved unanimously. Balance reported after expenditures $5,097.41.

Ex Officio Reports

Personnel/VC Administration Designee: No report

SURS: No report

Panel Reports

Negotiated and Prevailing: Clyde Trucks reported on two issues: the attendance concern has come up again. The second issue regards mandatory overtime with the library for coverage in Alton. There was discussion. Clyde will follow-up with the Senate after meeting with Human Resources.

Open Range: No report

Administrative Staff: No report, but Bill Dusenbery reported that the Civil Service employees at East St. Louis, such as teachers and aids, have lost all their protection because they are being moved back to Standard AP.

Satellite Campus Reports

Alton: No report
**East St. Louis:** Bill Dusenbery reported that besides the retirement of Shrylene Langston, many employees do not have a contract finalized at this time.

**Standing Committees**

**UPBC:** No report

**UCB:** Kirt Ormesher reported that they will meet next week. The MUC truck is in trial mode with pulled pork as a menu item.

**Public Relations Committee:** Bill Dusenbery reported that when the student care package project is approved, then P.R. will begin. Appreciation was expressed to Jackie Candela for the newsletter and a request was made to send items for the newsletter to Jackie so they can be include in the next one.

**Policy Review Committee:** No report.

Scholarship /Fundraising Committee: Anne Hunter requested volunteers for the 2016 Banquet Committee and subcommittee for the student care packages. Anne listed some suggestions for a spring event since the Senate no longer does the BBQ; box lunches on the Quad possibly Fazoli’s or Panera; possible fundraiser nights at local restaurants such as Culvers or Texas Roadhouse.

**Goals Committee:** No report

**Staff Senate President:** No report.

**Public Comment:** Vick Kruse expressed appreciation for the SIUE police and the great MAP service when she arrived at her car and flat tire after work. Melanie Schoenborn reported there were two additional officers on duty near the library during the 24/7 hours around week of exams.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. (Bartholomew/Hunter).

Approved as submitted

Vicki Kruse/University Governance