The regular Staff Senate meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m. on April 6, 2017, in the Alumni Conference Room #B273, School of Dental Medicine by Gretchen Fricke, president-elect.

PRESENT: Cobetto, Dusenbery, Fricke, Hamil, Hunter, Milcic, Schoenborn, Toberman, White, Woods, Candela, Jason, Pulley, Holbert

EXCUSED: Bartholomew, Dickey, Ferrell, Ormesher

Absent: SCHILLING

GUESTS: Collin Van Meter

Introductions-

GUEST SPEAKER: Ken Holbert, Executive Director for Finance and Operation, School of Dental Medicine, UPBC Staff Senate representative

-New Edwardsville clinic-originally 1998 was dental’s for 10 years. Implant clinic

New Dental Clinic

May 8-soft opening- as patients increase, they will expand and cultivate a new client base, 3 surgical suite. Partner with the hospital. 2 Private operating rooms. Working on now-faculty practice. (work 4 days a week and practice 1 day a week).

Have International program, now.

2 1/2 -3 year program in 2 or 3 months after they become dentists where they are from.

Grants-children and veterans. Give kids a smile in October for kids free.

Call Edwardsville 650-5781 Alton-474-7000 ext. 7006

Fees are less but it takes more time.

Q: Fears for new clinic with budget situation?

A: Some but moving on with plans.

Gretchen expressed appreciation to Ken for his presentation to the Staff Senate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Corrections made and the March 2, 2017 minutes approved as amended

Ian moved to suspend this portion of the meeting and go to New Business immediately. Bill seconded his motion. The motioned carried.
NEW BUSINESS
A. Resolution

Gretchen read a statement from Faculty Senate Executive Committee for B.O.T. public comment

Ian moved to present the resolution:

“A resolution for consideration by the SIUE Staff Senate on 6 April 2017.

IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT DUNN’S SYSTEM CONNECTION OF 29 MARCH 2017

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, 29 March 2017, Dr. Randy Dunn, President of the Southern Illinois University System (the System), published a regular edition of his System Connection; and

WHEREAS, in that publication, the President announced a number of budgetary cuts, re-allocations, and other changes to each of the University campuses in the System; and

WHEREAS, the President included a specific proposal that would “authorize the Board [of Trustees] Treasurer to loan certain unrestricted funds from the Edwardsville campus [SIUE] to the Carbondale campus [SIUC] to support the continued operations of SIUC”; and

WHEREAS, the President included no other specifics about the nature of such an action, including failing to properly define or explain the terms “loan” and “certain unrestricted funds;” and

WHEREAS, the President indicated his intent to have the System Board of Trustees act on his proposal at the upcoming Board meeting on Thursday, 6 April 2017; and

WHEREAS, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville faces the same state-wide challenges as its companion campuses in Springfield and Carbondale, including declining populations of traditional-aged students, increased competition from in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities, and the historic failure of the State of Illinois to pass a permanent budget; and

WHEREAS, in response to these challenges, SIUE has responded with increased overall/FTE enrollments, significant restrictions on new and replacement hiring, as well as number of outright budgetary cuts, reallocations, and realignments; and

WHEREAS, within the past year, under the leadership of Dr. Steven Hansen, an interim Chancellor and Dr. Denise Cobb, an interim Provost, SIUE engaged in a budgetary realignment and reduction that saved the University over $12 million; and

WHEREAS, the University is now being directed to provide another campus (that is often in direct competition for students) an unsecured and ill-defined loan; and

WHEREAS, the University Staff Senate has an important role in advising and assisting the campus leadership of SIUE, an organizational obligation to advocate for its constituent groups, and a shared interest with faculty and students in the operations of the SIUE campus and the SIU system; and
WHEREAS, the University Staff Senate has a further obligation to makes its concerns known, not only to the SIUE campus leader, but to the System President and Board of Trustees, especially on matters that threaten the financial stability of the University;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the University Staff Senate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville opposes the immediate transfer of funds between the SIUE campus to the SIUC campus; and

THAT the University Staff Senate calls on the Board of Trustees to postpone consideration of any transfer of funds between any System campus until all constituent groups, including Faculty, Student, and Staff Senates, as well as University advisory bodies, including the University Planning and Budget Council, can be consulted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Staff Senate recommends that if any such transfer is to be considered in the future, that the terms of the loan, any projected collateral and re-payment plans, the plans for use of such money by SIUE, and a full definition of the source of any such loaned funds, be made public well in advance of anticipated action at a Board of Trustees meeting;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the University Staff Senate registers its concern that the announcement of such cuts and changes appears to have been made in such a way to minimize the role of shared governance and formal input from SIUE shared governance organizations, as well as the impacted campus constituencies.

Upon passage by the University Staff Senate, this resolution should be presented to the President of the Southern Illinois University System, the members of the System Board of Trustees, the Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, the Provost of SIUE, the presidents of the Faculty and Student Senates of SIUE, and the state representative and state senator who represent the SIUE area in the Illinois General Assembly.

The University Staff Senate authorizes the President, the University Governance Secretary, the Public Relations Chair of the Staff Senate, or any designee to post this resolution to any SIUE discussion list or listserv, and to forward copies of the resolution to the Aestle, the Edwardsville Intelligencer, and the Belleville News Democrat.”

Bill Dusenbery seconded Ian’s motion

Discussion-

Ian explained that as a staff senate it is our obligation to vote of no confidence in the plan.

The plan “should be” to reserve a portion of fee accounts to be used to loan Carbondale.

Fee accounts specific uses?

Q: Make it have teeth.

Q: The role of Staff Senate is historically quiet.
Week before Board of Trustees Meeting escalate to “10” with a statement. Needs to be unified.

Anne Hunter moved to amend “Finally, be it resolved…” Mike Hamil seconded that motion. All in favor and 1 opposed. The motion was approved.

Comment- 1-10...in the middle first? In agreement to go with this instead of something else

Mike Pulley said it is an obligation to constituents

Mike Hamil said that has been in discussions

The resolution passes unanimously

At 10:07 am there was a 10 minute break. The meeting resumed at 10:16 am.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Student 20 Hour Rule

Gretchen has copy of the joint resolution. Everyone should read it.

B) Apparel

John Milcic ordered shirts for sizing.

Ian made a written motion saying:

“I move that the Staff Senate authorize members to purchase Senate-branded shirts, within the following confines:

1. The Staff Senate will coordinate one order per year, where the order will be placed by the Staff Senate.
2. Because the Staff Senate shirts are intended to promote knowledge and use of the Staff Senate’s programs and opportunities, including the scholarships administered by the Staff Senate, the Staff Senate authorizes the use of the Scholarship Fund for this purpose.
3. Staff Senate members are not required to buy a shirt.
4. Shirt orders will be placed by individual members with the designated person in the Staff Senate. The Staff Senate will place a single order for the shirts.
5. Upon placing an order, the individual member will be required to place a deposit equal to 100% of the cost of the shirt with the University Governance Office. These deposits are to be deposited into the Staff Senate Scholarship Fund.
6. Any person affiliated with the Senate, including Staff Senators, panel members, standing committee appointments, any Past President, and any support personnel assigned to the Staff Senate, is authorized to purchase a shirt.

Shirts may be purchased directly from the vendor outside of this coordinated order time, but individual Senators will be responsible for all costs when done outside of the coordinated timeframe.”

Anne Hunter seconded this motion. Discussion followed.
-It was mentioned that shirts should be ordered over the summer.

This **passes unanimously.**

Send sizes to the Governance secretary, and order over the summer. There is no obligation to order, but thank you.

C) New Employee Orientation

- Wear casual T-Shirts
  - Purchasing bottles to hand out. They will be red with white print. 264 bottles will cost $1,100 or more. We will ask the MUC if they will give a discount such as the green cups for refills.

  - Bill made a **motion** and Mike H. seconded for it to come out of the University Governance Office Budget.

  - Discussion
    - Purchase 288

  - **Passes unanimously**

**NEW BUSINESS**

B) USS Constitution proposed revisions, first read

  - Melanie Schoenborn, chair of the Constitution and Bylaws committee explained changes (described process via archives)

10:42 - Melanie suggested if any requests, Melanie will request Senate archive files for further revisions.

  - Feedback
    - Leave as is
    - action item next time

**REPORTS**

  **Elections**- online East St. Louis elections are on April 13

    - List of senators and panel members who won by acclamation

  **UPBC**

    - Norris a surprise.

    - Received an email this morning

    - May 7th – Vice Chancellor Waple and Vice Chancellor Stack will present their FY18 budget requests.
UCB

- John Milcic submitted the report. They are trying to expand availability of the Success Center to additional groups/people.

Public Relations Committee

- Katie Stuart, possible Brown Bag

Policy Review Committee

- Rerord the bereavement policy
- Electricians won arbitration against contract and not Civil Service policy. So we are waiting now.
- 2 committee members within 2 years of retirement that need replaced.

Scholarship/Fundraising Committee

- Anne Hunter....fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse date Tuesday May 9. Get word out. Take flyer. Opens at 4:00. Share with everyone. Anne is setting up on Facebook to get the word out.

Parking

- Look at minutes posted
- Replacing parking lots in Alton over this summer

Gretchen will continue doing reports

President Report-

- Copy of agenda for meeting with the Chancellor
- VCA search will be taken off of the agenda because Rich Walk has been offered 3 years with option for 4th

Anticipated changes to Staff Senate Bylaws regarding constituency groups

ANNOUNCEMENT

Official recognition of the Black Faculty and Staff Association as an SIUE constituency group is taking place today at the Board of Trustees meeting in Carbondale this morning

- April 20 Solicitation Policy will be presented by Bob Vanzo. If you have any questions, please attend the executive committee meeting or send comments to either Gretchen or Kirt.

- Staff Appreciation Day April 26, East St. Louis. Two Buses are scheduled to come.

  - Alton has not responded, yet.
-System Council of Council at Carbondale update- August 10, details to come later
-State Council of Council October - discussion

OTHER: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am