The regular meeting of the Staff Senate Executive Committee was called to order on January 16, 2014 at 9:04 a.m. in the International Room Morris University Center by Michelle Welter, President.

Present: Bartholomew, Becherer, Caupert, Cobetto, Dusenbery, Hamil, Welter, Vicki Kruse (recording secretary)

Consideration of Minutes: The November 21, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted (Dusenbery/Hamil).

New Business

EAC Representative Michael Pulley will be in a meeting this morning regarding SURS pension/retirement and Michelle will send texts of questions the Staff Senate has about issues or concerns. He has requested comments on expectations of him as EAC representative. There was a discussion with an outcome of a few questions to send to Michael.

1. Will there be any decisions made on the 30 and out rule?

Fundraising: There is a meeting next week, Tuesday, January 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Administrative Accounting Conference Room. Cindy Cobetto reported that the Employee Banquet has been pushed back to fall possibly in September. Michelle Welter will talk to Catering about some options for the BBQ in April.

Provost Senate Session Dates: Michelle Welter reported the calendar of meetings set up for the Provost finalist visits with all three Senates:

March 27: Finalist 1, 1:15p.m.-2:00p.m., Mississippi/Illinois Room

March 31: Finalist 2, 1:15p.m.-200p.m., Maple/Dogwood Room

April 7: Finalist 3, 1:15p.m.-2:00p.m., Maple/Dogwood Room

April 17: Finalist 4, 1:15p.m.-1:00p.m., Maple/Dogwood Room

April 24: Finalist 5, 1:15p.m.-2:00p.m., Mississippi/Illinois Room

February Meeting: Michelle reported that the guest speakers for the February meeting will be Sherrie Senkfor, Human Resources and possibly Denise Cobb, AQIP visit in March. Michelle received suggestions from the Senate about other guest speakers and will work on the April meeting guests.
Agenda Items: The only agenda item at this time will be appointing a representative on the ICAC to replace retiring member Eric Barnett. His recommendation was to appoint a female since there are very few female members represented on the committee. Michelle was also checking with Kevin Schmoll to see if he is still able to serve on ICAC with his new appointment as Director of police.

Open discussion: There was discussion about snow on lots this morning and current handicapped parking on campus.

Old Business

Lobby Day 2014: A date is pending Michelle contacting John Charles, the legislative liaison for the University.

Review of the Constitution, Bylaws and Operating Papers: Michelle went through article by article with suggestions noted. Time allowed for Articles up to “Replacement of Members” (page 5). The executive committee will continue to review the Constitution, Bylaws and Operating Papers at the end of each meeting. Some of the suggestions are:

1. Change membership from proportionality to a set number of members with changes in the number of each constituent membership,
2. Take out secret ballet in Article IV in section 3 of the Constitution
3. add Fundraising Chair to the executive committee as an Ex Officio member (need to visit the Scholarship Handbook/Operating Papers for consistency with the Treasurer and Fundraising Chair),
4. Election date changed to the second Wednesday in April
5. Election committee be appointed in November instead of January
6. Announcement of elections to include something about an electronic announcement
7. Combine the two candidacy forms into one, so there are only two forms: that form and the qualifications form
8. Section 12 of Bylaws; change August to MAY

The governance secretary provided a handout from old Staff Senate files as informational regarding committees, policy recommendation and individual responses to Senate concerns.

Presidential Search Advisory Committee: John Caupert reported that the committee submitted five names of possible presidential candidates to the Board of Trustees. The committee is done with its charge but the BOT has agreed that if they agreed on someone outside of the pool, the committee would get to have input. The goal is to have someone selected in April. There was a discussion about the Presidential Search Open Forum in Carbondale.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. (Dusenbery/Cobetto).

Approved as submitted February 20, 2014 by the Staff Senate Executive Committee
Vicki Kruse/University Governance