The regular meeting of the Staff Senate Executive Committee was called to order on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 9:02 a.m. in the International Room, Morris University Center by Cindy Cobetto, president.

Present: Cobetto, Dusenbery, Hunter, Ormesher, Schoenborn, Trucks, Pulley; Recording Secretary: Vicki Kruse

Excused: Fricke, Caupert

Guest: Todd Bartholomew

Announcements: Cindy Cobetto met with the Chancellor and the other two constituent presidents. Dr. Hansen wants to attend another meeting. Cindy will schedule it. Cindy stated that the Chancellor said payroll is good for the next 12 months. A plan is being developed for the future. Tuition and fees will increase about $600.00. SOAR is trying to expand. UQC had a request from the Higher Learning Commission for information about ongoing accreditation.

SUCSAC: Michael Pulley reported that he relayed information via a conference call to Vicki Kruse and Kirt Ormesher about possible emergency furloughs for Civil Service employees at Illinois public universities. Michael explained how it would work. There were some questions. If passed, it would go into effect March 1, 2016 and would be temporary lasting for 150 days. According to Michael, JCAR declared a viable emergency situation. If it would come back for a vote to make it permanent, he would not vote yes. The emergency furloughs are not a cost saving effort, but would be used so the doors don’t close for Eastern University.

SUAA payroll deduction may be possible at least annually. Michael will follow-up after things are finalized with Human Resources.

There is training for managers and directors through Human Resources, but only selective due to the amount of persons who may be interested.

A discussion was held in regards to insurance and furloughs.

A letter will be sent to the East St. Louis Center Senator who won by acclamation and a letter to the Director of the East St. Louis Center. After the March 3 Senate meeting a communication will go out to the person at East St. Louis who does the newsletter about the new senator. Ratification will take place at the March 3 meeting.

An item will be added for the next president-elect will be added to the March agenda about the next president-elect.

Approved Minutes: The December 17, 2015 minutes were approved as submitted (Schoenborn/Dusenbery)

Unfinished Business

Constitution and Bylaws: Melanie Schoenborn reported that revisions are still being reviewed and the approval page subject to additions after investigating approval memos from University Archives. Melanie explained how the approval page should look. The plan is to bring to the April meeting for a first read.
There was a question about when the new candidacy forms are official. The answer is as soon as language is finalized for publication on the staff senate web site. It should be in time for elections.

New Business

Anne Hunter reported that AFSCME can speak to the Staff Senate in the near future about how insurance changes with the state employees will affect the university employees. There was a discussion, and it was decided that Anne will talk to AFSCME and Cindy will determine an available Senate date after setting up a meeting date for the Chancellor to attend.

Other

Parking & Traffic Committee: Bill Dusenbery reported that there will be a small addition added on to the Engineering building for projects such as the concrete canoe and solar car.

Anne Hunter provided a handout of a draft for the Fundraising Banquet Committee.

A question was asked about whether someone on six month probation would be eligible for Ombuds service? There was a discussion, but no resolve to the question.

Adjournment: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Approved as amended March 17, 2016
Vicki Kruse/University Governance