STAFF SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

July 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate Executive Committee was called to order on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 9:02 a.m. in the International Room, Morris University Center by Cynthia Cobetto, president.

PRESENT: Cobetto, Dusenbery, Fricke, Hunter, Ormesher, Schoenborn, Pulley, Manning, Recording Secretary Kruse
EXCUSED: Trucks
ABSENT: Caupert
GUESTS: Mark Ferrell, John Milcic, Todd Bartholomew

Introductions were made around the table for Mark Ferrell who has submitted candidacy forms for a Negotiated and Prevailing Senate and Panel seat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Cindy Cobetto read the announcements from the agenda. In addition, Cindy announced that Randall Pembrook takes over as chancellor on August 1. The party for Interim Chancellor Steve Hansen is today. Cindy requested that Vicki get materials from Michelle Welter of the New Senator Orientation from last year. There will be no orientation/training this year. Negotiated and Prevailing Chair Clyde Trucks, III is retiring, therefore is stepping down from the Staff Senate.

A retirement card was passed around for Clyde Trucks, II for everyone to sign.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Two sets of minutes; May 19 and June 2 special, 2016 were approved as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Facilities Sick and Vacation Policy: John Milcic reported some updates and new issues that have become apparent since the last meeting. Confusion emerged over the language of the sick leave policy regarding coverage of children living in the home or elsewhere. Two employees of one of the trades have filed grievances pertaining to another issue regarding an order for mandatory doctor’s excuses from here forward when they utilize sick leave. There was a discussion.

Cindy changed the order of the agenda, there being no objections, adding the SUCSAC report at this time, because of time constraints.

SUCSAC: Michael Pulley reported from the recent Employee Advisory Council (EAC) meeting where there were several topics discussed; Civil Service bumping rights; new Bills from Illinois legislature; pension deficit; elections of EAC representatives (Michael will be up for reelection); changes to sections in the Civil Service and Merit Board papers; employee benefits (SURS); FSLA (Fair Labor Standards Act) 2 factors – exempt or nonexempt, salary and duties test; out of state procedure
changes; and job classifications being combined and/or deleted. Civil Service is looking at a grim future unless modernization is realized, according to the focus of this past EAC meeting. Michael requested to be put on the August Staff Senate agenda for a more in depth report. Michael noted that someone from SUCSAC is available to speak if the Senate would like them to come to SIUE sometime. Michael will be listed as a guest speaker at the top of the August agenda.

Blog: Vicki Kruse provided a handout of the Notebook page (in “One Drive” of Office 365) named “Staff Senate Blog” to encourage interest in a Blog. It was decided to put the item on the August Staff Senate agenda so the staff senators could seek interest in the SIUE community and follow-up with their findings at the following meeting. It was suggested for Vicki to contact Jim Benhoff to find out the count of visitors at various blogs.

New Senator Orientation: There was agreement to post the 2015 Training PowerPoint to the Staff Senate web site. Cindy requested Vicki to contact Michelle Welter to set up training for next year if she is available. Cindy volunteered to help keep the PowerPoint information up to date when future training is scheduled.

Scholarship Funds: Bill Dusenbery made a motion to ratify the email vote for funds for the 2016 Fall Staff Senate Scholarship of $1500.00 availability and the Selection Committee to award at their discretion. It was seconded by Anne Hunter. The motion carried. The email was previously sent out on July 16 and active through July 17, 2016 in order to send the scholarship announcement out on time. A copy of the email transaction is filed with the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS
Negotiated & Prevailing Senate and Panel Seat: There was a discussion. The nomination of Mark Ferrell will take place at the August Staff Senate regular meeting. Since the chair of that panel will be retired then, members of the panel will bring the nomination forward.

President’s Report: none

Public Comment: Anne Hunter commented about the State of Illinois employee contract – if the Labor Relations Board rules it’s an impasse, the health insurance premiums will double, there will be wage freezes, along with reduction of other benefits. Cannot see how they could accept and would probably strike.

Public Comment: Kirt Ormesher asked for clarification on what constituent group sets the percent for raises. There was a discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. (Schoenborn/Dusenbery).

August 18, 2016 Approved as corrected.
Vicki Kruse/University Governance

Email correspondence regarding Staff Senate 2016 Fall Scholarship:

I would be in favor of moving forward as we have 4 out of 7 which will satisfy both quorum and majority.

Clyde
From: Kruse, Vicki
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2016 8:37 AM
To: Dusenbery, William <wdusenb@siue.edu>; Fricke, Gretchen <gfricke@siue.edu>; 'Kirt Ormesher' <kirtmeister@gmail.com>; Trucks, Clyde <ctrucks@siue.edu>; Schoenborn, Melanie <mschoen@siue.edu>; Hunter, Anne <anhunte@siue.edu>; Caupert, V. <vcauper@siue.edu>; John Caupert <jcaupert@ethanolresearch.com>
Cc: Cobetto, Cynthia <cgorsag@siue.edu>
Subject: RE: Scholarship motion request

SSEC,

I have not heard from Kirt or John. I know Melanie is out of the office.

I have heard from Anne, Bill, Clyde and Gretchen.

So, is that enough?

Thanks,

Vicki

Out of Office during these times as I record minutes for either Staff Senate or Faculty Senate

First, second and fourth Thursday of the month AY 2:30 pm -4:30 pm Faculty Senate

First and third Thursday of the month, calendar year 9:00 am -11:30 am Staff Senate

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From: Dusenbery, William
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Fricke, Gretchen; Kruse, Vicki; 'Kirt Ormesher'; Trucks, Clyde; Schoenborn, Melanie; Hunter, Anne; Caupert, V.; John Caupert
Cc: Cobetto, Cynthia
Subject: RE: Scholarship motion request

As the there is a motion and second I William Dusenbery vote in favor of the motion.

William dusenbery

From: Fricke, Gretchen
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:55 PM
To: Kruse, Vicki <vkruse@siue.edu>; 'Kirt Ormesher' <kirtmeister@gmail.com>; Trucks, Clyde <ctrucks@siue.edu>; Schoenborn, Melanie <mschoen@siue.edu>; Dusenbery, William <wdusenb@siue.edu>; Hunter, Anne <anhunte@siue.edu>; Caupert, V. <vcauper@siue.edu>; John Caupert
I move that Scholarship funds in the amount determined by the Scholarship Committee be released for the purpose of awarding Fall scholarships.

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From: Kruse, Vicki
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:41 PM
To: 'Kirt Ormesher'; Trucks, Clyde; Schoenborn, Melanie; Fricke, Gretchen; Dusenbery, William; Hunter, Anne; Caupert, V.; John Caupert
Cc: Cobetto, Cynthia; Kruse, Vicki
Subject: Scholarship motion request
Importance: High

Dear Staff Senate Executive Committee,
I am sending this request on behalf of the Staff Senate President Cindy Cobetto and Scholarship Chair - see email below.
Today's meeting did not produce a quorum; therefore, a motion for fall scholarship funds was not possible. In order to get an announcement out in a timely manner, while the process now automatically opens application submission period on the same date every year, you need a motion and all of you need to respond with a yay or nay, immediately.
Please, make sure your motion includes how the funds are to be awarded by the Selection Committee. Until you all weigh in, no fall scholarship announcement will go out.
The scholarship application submission period is from June 24 - July 10.
I am on vacation next week, but I can leave a request with Doug McIlhag as I have done in the past for him to post on announcelist next week (if he is available). In order to do this, I need all your responses by first thing in the morning in order for me to have to get the announcement complete and ready to send Doug.

Thank you,
Vicki