CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Staff Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 9:06 a.m., April 20, 2017 in the International Room, Morris University Center by Kirt Ormesher, president.

PRESENT: Cobetto, Fricke, Hunter, Manning, Milcic, Ormesher, Schoenborn, Toberman, Kruse

ABSENT: Pulley

GUESTS: Todd Bartholomew, Bob Vanzo

GUEST SPEAKER: Bob Vanzo (Solicitation Policy) Copies of the draft policy were provided prior to the meeting for feedback and comments. First Bob announced that he would be bringing the alcohol policy revisions to the Senate sometime in the near future. Bob reviewed the list of examples of solicitation exceptions, exclusions and inclusions in the policy. Suggestions and comments for additional revisions and additions were offered for Bob to take back to the committee for consideration prior to meeting with the Chancellor’s Council. It was pointed out that campuses other than Edwardsville are not mentioned in policy. Or use parenthetical with each campus named inside. A request for the definition of political solicitation prompted a discussion. Bob thanked the Senate as he left the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 16, 2017, corrections were made and the minutes approved as amended (Schoenborn/Milcic).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Discussion about Healthcare/ad hoc committee (joint with faculty) – tabled until Fall semester
2. Staff Senate nametags – no updates
3. Staff Senate Shirts (tax vs. no tax) - when will order be placed
4. SIU System Council of Councils - August 10, Carbondale, discussion about refreshments
5. New employee orientation
   i. The first orientation the Senate was scheduled to have a table - April 28 - is canceled and the next one will be on May 19 and NOT May 26. Tentative remaining schedule: June 30, July 28, Aug 25, Sept 29, Oct 27, Dec 1, Jan 26, Feb 23, March 30
   Cups to staff only Gretchen will find out location from Human Resources. Kirt will be asking for volunteers to sit at the table.
   ii. 11:45 – 12:45pm
   iii. Engaging new staff
6. Election results: Gretchen Fricke and Ian Toberman, Elections Committee co-chairs
   i. Panels – Ian Toberman reported on elections with panel candidates winning by acclamation. The East St. Louis senator seat had two candidates up for election. As a pilot the elections were run electronically. Carolyn Jason won the election and Vicki will send her a congratulatory memo from Bill Dusenbery Staff Senate secretary. Things will be worked out to change bylaws to include the electronic elections process. Melanie will give Ian a call when she begins her work on revisions to the bylaws. Melanie noted that vacancies need to be staggered terms. There was a discussion.
   ii. Chairs – welcome message/committee assignments
7. Committees (Policy review/Public relations)
   i. Panel chairs to provide names at May Executive meeting. Need four (4) people for the Public Relations Committee. Gretchen has looked at operating papers for committee membership. Need panels represented in each committee. Anne will gear the fundraising committee in the same way. There was a discussion.
8. “Did you know” outreach: Kirt looking to get a committee together to work out some topics.
i. Topics
   1. What does this Panel do?
   2. Use deadlines for committee projects.

- Permission to relax the rules: Kirt will be asking past presidents? To come to the August meeting.

  9. Discussing reports at Exec level
     i. Only necessary if time sensitive before full meeting? Opened to discussion. Written reports preferred. Discussion but no decision made.

  10. Faculty Senate Resolutions (3): Discussion on some rewriting of resolutions; Kirt wants communications to continue until they are ready to bring to May Senate meeting.
       i. Resolution concerning SIUE system fiscal emergency or exigency – Ian will rewrite this one
       ii. Resolution in support of a cost of living adjustment for faculty - Melanie will rewrite this one with the help of the Open Range Panel members.
       iii. Resolution in support of a SIU system reapportionment – Ian will also rewrite this one

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORTS: Reports were submitted to Gretchen and are filed with the minutes.

OTHER

  1. President’s Report: Kirt expressed his delight on how things went with the first resolution and how work on the other three are being carried out. Kirt and other constituency heads will continue to meet with the Chancellor over the summer.

  2. Gretchen reported that the Staff Senate has Katie Stuart confirmed for May 4, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, for a Brown Bag Meet and Greet and for questions about the State and university budgets. It is one session. Good idea to have senators in attendance throughout the entire session (half hour slots). Kirt will check with the Chancellor about lunch and work time arrangements for employees for this event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

  1. Chancellor/Provost at Faculty Senate – April 18, 2:00pm, Lovejoy Library, Abbott Auditorium, LB 0044

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

  1. How to engage panels

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one from the public was in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m., (Schoenborn/Toberman).

Approved as submitted at meeting May 18, 2017
Vicki Kruse/University Governance