

STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2010

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order at 10:00 on May 10, 2010 in Wesleyan Hall Conference Room by Jennifer Smith.

Present:

Present Members were: Jennifer Smith, Kari-Kay Harp, Steve Burnett, Chuck Fadell, Chris Horn, Ethan Humphres, Sara Huntley, Kevin Jacques, Pam Osborn, Pam Trimble, Paula Hailey for Joan Smith, and Jim Eubanks.

I. Approval of Minutes

The March minutes were approved. The April minutes were approved.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

III. Staff Senate President's Report

The survey results from the Student Recreation Survey were sent to David Shields and President Cale. At meeting time, we had not heard from either regarding the results. Jim stated that he will ask about the results at a meeting on Wednesday. The survey results stated that the majority of faculty/staff would use the SRC. Jennifer will let us know if she hears anything.

IV. Shared Governance Committee Reports

None.

V. Old Business

Campus Master Plan – President Cale has asked if we have any comments on the Master Plan. He has asked that Staff Senate prepare a general support statement of the plan. Areas of concern stated by members include: parking under the residence halls (Kevin Jacques) and Music/Theatre has nothing in the plan (David McCullough via Chris Horn). Kevin stated that parking under the residence halls is expensive to build. Chris stated Dr. McCullough's issue with the Master Plan, and it was agreed that we would let Faculty Senate handle that complaint.

VI. New Business

Commencement Policy – Discussion of what happened regarding the policy and its approval. Kevin brought up the Shared Governance Chair issue again; how only tenured faculty can be the chair of the committee. Kevin stated that tenure only applies in the classroom. There was a question as to how the policy was disseminated to the campus. The only mention of it was in an email from Sue Wilson requesting that people who were

eligible and would like to present a diploma notify her office. There is a question as to who should send out the approved policy to the campus. Jennifer will inquire about a formal announcement.

Senator Nominations – We were notified of senator nominations and Kevin made the statement that we should contact the nominees to make sure that they accept the nomination before we calculate votes. The votes were taken and the new senators are as follows:

Division of Academic Affairs:

Susan Freeman	Dept. of Elementary Education
Martha Frances Hickman	Dept. of History & Political Science
Louise Huddleston	Collier Library
Joan Smith	Human & Environmental Sciences

Division of Student Affairs:

Cindy Wood	University Health Services
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VIII. Announcements

Kevin asked that a potential goal for next year be the addition of domestic partnership benefits.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 by Jennifer Smith. The next general meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on June 14, 2010 in the Rogers Hall Parlor.

Minutes submitted by: Kari-Kay Harp, Secretary

Minutes submitted to: Jennifer Smith, President