

# STAFF SENATE

## Minutes

Thursday August 16, 2007

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

**Meeting called to order** by Judy Alford, President. The agenda was accepted with the change that Lori Kirk was added to the excused list of attendance.

**Attendance:** Bonnie Alberts, Judy Alford, Susan Archer, Robin Atkins, Jean Brickey, Holly Carroll, Dan Cook, Reba Crawford, Karen Hall, Jennifer Hundley, Delbert Jones, Council Keohi, Cindy Koziol, Lori Lee, Tim McCoy, Sharon Proffitt, Wyatt Sasser, Jerry Surface, Lori Kirk, Tom Tucker, Hubert Walker, Ken Wieringo, Sue Teel

**Excused:** Catherine Caldwell, Travis Hundley, Linda Price, Becky Saylor, Bradley Scott, Louellen Sharp, Vicki Walter, Jon Wooge

### **Announcements were:**

- Staff Senate National Initiative met immediately following the Senate adjournment.
- The Employee Advisory Committee has met twice and all is progressing well.
- The 3rd Annual Multicultural Faculty Staff Luncheon will be held September 7<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 1:30 in the Multi-Cultural Room of the Graduate Life Center.

### **Senate Standing Committee Reports:**

- Communications committee: Lori Ann Kirk noted that the minutes from the National Leadership Conference planning are available.
- Elections and Nominations - Jon Wooge stated that all is going smoothly.
- McComas Staff Leadership Seminar Committee - Vacant
- Policies and Issues - Jimmy Martin has left the University and Delbert Jones was chosen to fill the position for the rest of the term.
- Sign up sheet for the standing committees were passed around so that members could sign up for the committee of their choice.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Dr. David Ford, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs spoke to the Senate about "Institutional Effectiveness". Dr Ford obtained all three of his degrees from Purdue University. In his position, he assumes administrative leadership for Enrollment Services, Undergraduate Education programs, the Center for Academic Enrichment & Excellence, Student athlete Academic Support Services, and the Institute for Distance and Distributed Learning. Dr. Ford noted that a key element in the University mission is student learning. He also quoted from the Strategic Plan "... focus on teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and engagement, the University creates, conveys, and applies knowledge to expand personal growth..." noting that the updated plan introduces the terms *Learning, Discovery, and Engagement*. He stressed that an important component of the plan is to link strategic goals to financial planning and outcomes in order to increase accountability to a variety of important stakeholders. Dr Ford pointed out the linkage between the internal academic program review, the assessment of student learning outcomes, the professional or academic accreditation, the external review by SAC and/or SCHEV, and the strategic plan. He stated that each person should know where they fit, know the connections, look for ways to connect individual jobs to institutional effectiveness and the strategic plan, remind fellow employees to work towards institutional effectiveness, and to continue to be engaged and encourage others to find ways to make our community welcoming for all.

### **Next meeting:**

September 20, 2007

Speaker: Dr. Kevin McDonald (Mr. Hyatt is rescheduled to October)

### **Adjournment**

### **Respectfully submitted:**

Maxine Lyons, Secretary

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