

STAFF SENATE
Minutes
1100 Torgersen Hall
Thursday, March 20, 2008
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at noon by the president, Judy Alford.

Attendance: Bonnie Alberts, Judy Alford, Robin Atkins, Jean Brickey, Shelby Cole, Dan Cook, Linda Correll, Lisa Cotting, Keohi Council, Sue Ellen Crocker, Andy Fortin, Karen Hall, Walter Hartman, Geraldine Hollandsworth, Jennifer Hundley, Travis Hundley, Delbert Jones, Cindy Koziol, Rob Lowe, Maxine Lyons, Tracy McCoy, Karen Nickelson, Wyatt Sasser, Bradley Scott, Robert Sebek, Louellen Sharp, Jerry Surface, Sue Teel, Tom Tucker, Ken Wieringo, Jon Wooge.

Excused: Catherine Caldwell, Debbie Law, Christy Porterfield, Lori Kirk, Chris Thomas.

Agenda was adopted without change

Approval of Minutes (electronically)

Announcements:

- The Staff Senate National Conference proposal is in Linda Woodard's office. As soon as we hear the status, we will advise the senate.
- VT-ENGAGE Senate Project – Robin Atkins noted that several offices had delivered boxes and we are still collecting food. This project may continue into the next year (2008-09) or another project may be considered.
- Nominations & Elections – Jon Wooge reported that the nominating committee has candidates for all open positions. Online voting will be available from Friday, March 21st to Wednesday March 26th. An e-mail announcing the availability of the ballot will be sent on March 21st.
- Revision to bylaws – Delbert Jones read the by-law revision (2007-08A) that states – “The Vice president shall automatically be nominated for the office of the President when a vacancy in that office shall be slated to occur. ...” The motion was approved by the Senate. The resolution is effective July 1, 2008.

Program

Guest Speakers:

- Sue Ott Rowlands, Dean, Liberal Arts and Human Sciences presented a very entertaining short skit and then answered many questions regarding her travels, career, experiences, accomplishments, interactions with staff and future plans. The information was very interesting and enlightening.

University Council, Commission, Committee Reports:

- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs will be reviewing the restructuring documents and then will present them to the Staff Senate at the next Senate meeting.
- Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity: Jean Brickey reported that guidelines for dealing with the diversity aspect of performance evaluations on the P112 form will be sent out shortly.
- Building Committee: Delbert Jones reported that buildings on campus now including the word “Institute” in their titles now instead of the word “Center”.

Next meeting:

April 17, 2008

Guest Speaker – Ralph Byers, Director of Government Relations (Ralph has since advised that he will be out of town and Laura Fornash, Director of State Relations will present in his place.)

Adjournment