

STAFF SENATE Minutes
Torgersen Hall, Room 1100
Thursday, June 17, 2010
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Attending: Jennifer Hundley, Lori Greiner, Velva Groover, Karen Hall, Tim McCoy, Pat Williams, Sue Teel, Maxine Lyons, Carolyne Dudding, Karen Nicholson, Chris Sokol, Susan Archer, Anna Hawthorne, Vanessa Law, Judy Taylor, Dennie Munson, Albert Moore, Dan Cook, Ken Wieringo, Jean Brickey, Robert Sebek, Bonnie Alberts, Lisa Cotting, Jim Baker, Stella Price, Tom Tucker, Lori Anne Kirk, Wyatt Sasser, Keiska Denise Riley, Amanda Grose, Hal Irvin, Jennifer Hanratty, Heather Patel, Lyn Sharp

Excused: Judy Alford, Robin Atkins, Bradley Scott, Becky Saylors

The meeting was called to order, agenda was amended and approved, and minutes accepted.

Announcements:

VT Engage – Tom Tucker reported that a drawing will be held for those who donated to the canned food drive for the Food Pantry. Gobbler Fest will be held August 27th from 3:00 – 8:00 to increase community involvement at the event. Stop Hunger Now's first day of service will be held October 1st in the Squires Commonwealth Ballroom to pack rice for Haiti.

Staff Senate Standing Committees:

- Communications Committee – Jean Brickey reported that the Senate roster and website will be updated and that the listserv is running well.
- Elections & Nominations Committee – Tom Tucker reported that everyone has been elected and encourage greater participation in the future.
- McComas Leadership Seminar Planning Committee – Lori Anne Kirk reported that the online survey had a 50% return rate and provided some of the statistics from the survey.

Program:

This month representatives provided an update on each of the commissions, committees, and councils that have staff representation.

- Strategic Budgeting & Planning – Tom Tucker reported that the next meeting will occur in the fall and that a change needs to be made to how the appointment is made so that it is based on the position rather than the person.
- Commission on Staff Policies & Affairs – Maxine Lyons reported that the largest item this year was the Winter Closing Policy that was approved by the BOV at the March meeting.
- Commission on Equal Opportunity & Diversity – Jean Brickey reported that the diversity summit this year included student participation; the commission will be changing in the future but will still contain staff representation.
- Commission on Administrative & Professional Faculty – Tom Tucker and Hal Irvin reported that new counts are needed for staff associations to ensure proper number of senators and alternates in each area due to the loss of staff members to conversion to AP Faculty.
- Commission on Outreach & International Affairs – Lori Greiner reported that the commission discussed engaged scholarship and whether engagement count in consideration for promotion and tenure.
- Commission on Student Affairs – Robert Sebek reported that there was a lot of discussion regarding the CT and that a change to the ammunition policy came from the commission.
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies & Policies – Velva Groover reported that the commission discussed potential changes to the approval process for classes.
- Building Committee – Jean Brickey reported that the committee focused on ADA and accessibility of buildings on campus.

- Employee Benefits Committee – Wyatt Sasser reported that the committee received updates on ASO's and budget cuts, and left outstanding are issues related to benefits for research faculty on how they accrue leave over time and short term disability leave.
- Library Committee – Louellen Sharp reported that changes are being made to the Library website to make it more user friendly and that while the library was spared from some of the budget cuts the increased cost of online Journals makes it hard to remain competitive with other research universities.
- Transportation/Parking Committee – Tom Tucker reported that handicapped accessible parking spaces in the Shultz lot will remain till October and that some spaces will be relocated or replaced.

The Next meeting will be **July 15, 2010**. The speaker has not been determined. The meeting location will be Torgersen Hall, Room 1100.

With no more discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Hundley
Senate Secretary