

STAFF SENATE MINUTES

February 19, 2009

9:00 AM

Hurlburt Combo Room

Officers, Senators and Alternates Present: *Bobby Bell, Cheryl Myers, Kathy Nester, James Perkins, Michael Potts, Pam Caldwell, Sandra Long and Trina Wall*

Officers, Senators and Alternates Excused: *Connie Phillips, Sandra Steele, and Betty Smith*

Liaisons Present: *Benny Skeens and Larry Ashby*

Staff Totaling 13 were Present

CALL TO ORDER: The February Staff Senate meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by James Perkins, President.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Kathy Nester confirmed that a Quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Kathy Nester, seconded by Bobby Bell, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Benny Skeens, seconded by Cheryl Myers, to accept the minutes of the January 15 meeting following a correction in the Fill-A-Stocking Campaign Report. The number of families helped was seven, not four as listed. Motion was carried.

GUEST SPEAKER: Roy Saville, Director of Facilities Planning and Construction, was scheduled to speak but was unable to attend due to a last minute conflict.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Nominations & Elections Committee Report – Connie Phillips reported that nominations for the Finance and Administration, Information Technology, Student Affairs, Executive, University Advancement and University Relations divisions were received until January 23, 2009. The candidates were contacted and those who affirmed that they were willing to accept nomination were placed on the election ballots. Candidates for senator/alternate seats are listed below:

Executive: Anita Woodyard-Dodson

University Advancement: Cassandra Dove

University Relations: Donald Bowman

Student Affairs: Samuel Shumate, Kathy Hobbs, and John Leonard

Information Technology: Hashim Durrani and Robert Underwood
Finance and Administration: James Perkins, Keith Crowder, Pam Duncan,
Megan Feeny, Kathy Shaw, Gwendolyn Damron, Donna Alley, Sandra Beland,
Cindy Eller and Michael Potts.

All names were randomly selected as to how they were placed on the ballot.

For the divisions that only had one nominee, a space was given on the ballots for a write-in candidate to fill the alternate senator seat.

Ballots were mailed out this week and the election will close on February 23, 2009 at 5 p.m. All ballots should be returned to Kathy Nester c/o Box 6881. The election results will be posted to the website as soon as the ballots are counted and certified.

The election process for officer elections for 2009-2010 will be followed in accordance with the bylaws and established guidelines.

REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES

Intercollegiate Athletics – Rhonda Mah reported that the last meeting was held on February 9. The following are highlights from that meeting:

- Robert Lineburg reported that MBB tied for first place with VMI; the Learning Enhancement Center is complete now with 20 computers and 2300 square feet; the Dedmon Center renovations are complete; there is a possibility of having four teams in the Big South championships (Women's Soccer, Men's Tennis, Softball, and Men's Basketball); Softball is hosting a tournament May 6-8; a Full Title IX Review of the athletic department will take place in April.
- Robbie Lewis reported that national letters of intent are being sign, with several teams receiving three to four letters.
- Susan Miller discussed the concerns regarding the newspaper articles and non-use of Dedmon Center for athletes only. An open forum is being considered to get the correct facts out.
- Elizabeth Ton announced that Kelly Underwood was hired as an Athletic Fundraiser. The main themes for the Centennial are Academics and Service.

Diversity & Equity: Carlotta Lewis, the current Diversity & Equity representative is retiring so a new representative is needed. Anyone interested in representing Staff Senate on this committee should contact either James Perkins or Kathy Nester.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Annual Staff Senate Retreat was rescheduled for April 30.
- b. Pam Caldwell gave a report from the last Centennial Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23. There will be a brainstorming meeting during Homecoming. The theme is "Celebrating the Century, Forging the Future."

NEW BUSINESS

International Association of Administrative Professionals – Tabled

HUMAN RESOURCES ISSUES: Larry Ashby reported that the Human Resources staff are busy with PeopleAdmin training as well as Banner training. An online application is now required for each classified or wage position applied for, and individuals without access to a computer or who need assistance applying online may visit the HR office.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. RU Homecoming- February 27-28, 2009, with activities throughout the week. The Bookstore will be offering a 20% discount on all purchases on both days.
- b. The next meeting of Staff Senate will be on Thursday, March 19, in the Library's Conference Room. Guest Speakers will be Julio Stephens, Sustainability Coordinator, and the Centennial Co-Chairs.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Benny Skeens, seconded by Cheryl Myers, to adjourn. Motion Carried.

/s/Kathy Nester, Acting-Recording Secretary
Minutes to be approved.