

University of Maryland, Baltimore Staff Senate
Open Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2008
HSFI 516

Roll Call:

Present: John Barber, Danielle Brown, Aphrodite Bodycomb, Liz Casher, Kiscia Cannon, Bill Crockett, Dave DeLooze, Ken Fahnstock, Debbie Horstman, William Griffin, Phyllis Lovito, Jill Venezian.

Excused Senators: Sharon Andres, Colette Becker, Shannon Cooper, Tom McHugh, Roy Ross, Dionne Washington.

Alternates: John McNair, Andrea LeFever, Libby Guarnera, Michael Crowe

Ken called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM and asked for the Roll Call.

Minutes: The motion was made by Liz Casher, seconded by Dave DeLooze and carried to approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting as submitted.

Note: There was no staff senate meeting in January.

Remarks from the Executive Committee (Ken Fahnstock):

Meeting with Dr. Ramsay - Cancelled

Meeting with HR - Rescheduled

Committee Reports:

Campus Life - Aphrodite Bodycomb (Chair)

Aphrodite reported that The Campus Life Committee continues to wait for Dr. Ramsay to respond to the child care discount proposal letter.

Policy and Legislation No report

Communication and Nomination

- Staff Senate nominations will be called in April. Would like to have representatives on the Staff Senate from the School of Law and the School of Social Work.
- Web-site will be set-up for nominations
- Forms will be updated
- Preparing the next newsletter - please send items to Ken
- Green movement - letter was sent to the students supporting their efforts. President Ramsay is on board with this project.

Community Outreach- Tom, Liz & Libby - no report

CUSS: Dave DeLooze

Place: UMCP

Date:

A joint meeting of the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) and CUSS was held in January. Dr. Kirwan was present at the meeting and spoke on the USM Green Initiative, Shared Governance issues, tuition remission/dependents and the new FY09 budget. Governor has tried to place high priority on the Higher Education budget. 15 million will be used to help cover tuition costs. 5.2 million will be used to cover the cost of enrollment growth. The USM system will take a 3 million dollar cut to the state budget. He encouraged staff and faculty to do a letter writing campaign to their legislators in support of higher education.

2% COLA is in the budget

2.5 Merit increase is being suggested

The Staff Senate thought that it may be beneficial for the Staff senate and Faculty Senate on the UMB campus to hold a joint meeting.

Campus Committee Reports:

Special Events:

- Cookbooks are still for sale - will
- MLK Event very successful
- Women's History month celebration on March 27th will include a craft bazaar.

IT: No report

Library: No meeting - no report

Parking: Dave DeLooze - Committee meets 2nd Tuesday of the month. Greg Robinson is the new chair of the parking committee.

- There has been an increased amount of handicap parking violations. Violators will be ticketed. Signage will be made and people will receive a warning first.
- There is a bid out for a new shuttle service.
- New Administration building is on schedule to open in October and the plan is to shift people to park closer to where they work.
- Bio Park parking garage is being offered as new space to park as there continues to be waiting lists for garages on the UMB campus.

Safety Awareness: Next meeting March 6th.

- It was brought to the attention of the Staff Senate that there have been two recent assaults on the campus. January 19th and January 21st. Both happened in the 600 block of Lexington Street. The suspects were arrested.

A suggestion was made to have a payroll pick-up shuttle on paycheck Thursdays.

Old Business:

- UMB is sponsoring a photo - contest. Entries must be received by March 7th.
- Employee of the month program continues to go very well.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Adjournment: Ken reminded all Senators that our next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008 in HSF I 516 (12:00 - 1:30). The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Lovito
Secretary/Treasurer