

University of Maryland Staff Senate
Open Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2007
HSFI 516

Roll Call:

Present Senators: Sharon Andres, Colette Becker, Aphrodite Bodycomb, Kiscia Cannon, Liz Casher, Shannon Cooper, Bill Crockett, Dave DeLooze, Ken Fahnstock, William Griffin, Debbie Hortsman, Phyllis Lovito, Tom McHugh, Jill Venezian, Dionne Washington. Alternates: Andrea LeFever, Jean Marie Roth

Excused Senators: John Barber, Danielle Brown, Roy Ross
Alternates: Libby Guarnera, John McNair

Ken called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM and asked for the Roll Call.

Minutes: The motion was made by Tom McHugh, seconded by Shannon Cooper and carried to approve the Minutes of the July 5, 2007 meeting as submitted.

Ken asked the new senators to introduce themselves and thanked everyone for their interest in serving on the Staff Senate.

Remarks from the Executive Committee (Ken Fahnstock):

Women's Forum: Ken will offer Aphrodite Bodycomb and Kiscia Cannon as nominees from the Staff Senate to Dr. Ramsay for consideration and appointment to fill vacancies on this committee.

HSF1 516 room has been requested and confirmed for all meeting dates on the FY08 calendar.

Dates are confirmed with Dr. Ramsay and Human Resources for meeting dates with the Staff Senate Executive Committee.

"At Large" executive committee member to be voted on after Senate votes to ratify the By Laws to include this additional position to the Executive Committee.

The Staff Senate Newsletter is ready to be released in August.

For the next meeting with HR, Executive Committee will visit plan in the event things change before FY09 in regard to staff layoff and/or furlough possibilities.

Committee Assignment:

Campus Life

Aphrodite Bodycomb (Chair)
John Barber
Debbie Horstman
Shannon Cooper

William Griffin
Andrea LeFever

Policy and Legislation

Dave DeLooze Co-Chair
Roy Ross Co-Chair
Sharon Andres
Kiscia Cannon

Community Outreach

Liz Casher (Chair)
Tom McHugh
Libby Guarnera
Dionne Washington
Jean Marie Roth
Jill Venezian

Communication and Nomination

Ken Fahnestock
Colette Becker
Bill Crockett
Phyllis Lovito
Liz Casher
Dionne Washington
Andrea LeFever

Ken asked that the committees meet prior to the next Staff Senate meeting in September.

Committee Reports:

Special Events: Kiscia reported that cookbook sales are still being pushed for those interested.

IT: Tom reported that he has been contacted by Peter Murray and that future meetings have been scheduled

Library: No meetings scheduled

Parking: No meetings scheduled

Safety Awareness: No meetings scheduled

CUSS:

Orientation of new members
No new business
Discussion of letter of shared governance
Discussion on merit increase validity
First meeting of the new term is August 14th in Salisbury

Parking/Policy/Legislative: No report.

Campus Life: Aphrodite reported that the committee will be sending a letter to Dr. Ramsay proposing discounted childcare alternatives for employees.

Old Business:

Motion was made by Jill and seconded by Sharon to ratify the By-Laws to include an "At Large Member" and carried to approve.

Nomination of Executive Committee At Large Position

Liz Casher offered her name in nomination for the At Large Position. No other nominations were made. Liz Casher was voted as the At Large Member.

New Business:

The Staff Senate has reserved a table at Fall Fest which will be held on September 7th at the University Plaza Park, from 11:00-2:00. It was suggested that each senator man the table for 30 minute slots.

Community Outreach Committee will advertise.

Flyers for the event were distributed to senators to post and distribute.

Dave DeLooze made the suggestion to talk to Ron Hube about putting information about the Staff Senate in the voice. The voice deadlines are about two months in advance of publication. Ken mentioned that contact with the Voice and Hube is well established and ongoing.

Dave DeLooze will chair the Maryland Charities Campaign this year. The campus goal is \$500,000.00.

Bill Crockett: Proclamation that the Staff Senate fully supports and endorses the campus involvement in the Maryland Charities Campaign.

Motion was made by Liz to ratify the proclamation and seconded by Sharon. The motion was carried and approved with two abstaining.

Our goal for the year is to make sure that staff gets the recognition that they deserve. Ken has made it a point to work with supervisors on the campus to nominate their employees for various awards available to the staff.

Staff awards include: Employee of the Month, Board of Regents Award and Founders Day Award.

Adjournment: Before calling for adjournment, Ken reminded all Senators that our next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2007 in HSF I 516 (12:00 - 1:30). The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Lovito
Secretary/Treasurer