

University of Maryland, Baltimore Staff Senate
Open Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2007
HSFI 516

Roll Call:

Present Senators: Sharon Andres, John Barber, Danielle Brown, Colette Becker, Aphrodite Bodycomb, Liz Casher, Kiscia Cannon, Shannon Cooper, Bill Crockett, Dave DeLooze, Ken Fahnestock, William Griffin, Phyllis Lovito, Tom McHugh, Roy Ross, Dionne Washington.

Alternates: Andrea LeFever, Libby Guarnera, Jean Marie Roth

Excused Senators: Debbie Hortsman, Jill Venezian

Alternates: John McNair

Ken called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and asked for the Roll Call.

Minutes: The motion was made by Aphrodite Bodycomb, seconded by John Barber and carried to approve the Minutes of the September 6, 2007 meeting as submitted.

Remarks from the Executive Committee (Ken Fahnestock):

- Had to postpone the Ramsay meeting with the SS Exec Committee. Will contact Executive Committee when new date is established.
- There are now a number of nominees for Employee of the Month that there is a waiting list for awardees for the campus. Need to continue to submit names for this Staff award.
- Pre and post grant and award process needs to be looked at. An e-mail was sent to Dr. Ramsay to start the process of looking into this and Ken received a response from Jim Hughes in regard to ORD and the data they gather. There have been a number of issues related to awards being help up at the funding agency due to late financial reports. It also takes a very long time (~30 business days) to get a new project ID from the campus for new awards.
- MTA Survey questions are coming up again from the staff. In order to participate there must be 50 riders in each zone. Need to get this survey completed and sent to the staff to address their concerns and questions.
 - It was suggested that we place a sheet at the parking office to make a list of people buying bus passes and their locations to see if we have enough riders in each zone.
- Initial concerns of a Green Initiative Committee being formed on the campus. Concern that a member of the Staff Senate should be appointed to this committee. Will bring up with Dr. Ramsay at the next Executive Meeting.

Meeting with HR - Postponed

Committee Reports:

Campus Life - Aphrodite Bodycomb (Chair)

Aphrodite reported that The Campus Life Committee is waiting for the next Executive Committee meeting with Dr. Ramsay to take place so we can submit the day care discount proposal letter for Dr. Ramsay's consideration.

Policy and Legislation Roy Ross

Communication and Nomination

- Founder's Week will take place October 8 -12 activities planned are:
 - Founders Week Gala
October 9
 - Research Lecture
October 10
 - Entrepreneur Breakfast
October 11
 - Student Cookout
October 11
 - Staff Luncheon
October 12
- Looking to put out next Senate Connection newsletter in October. If you want something in the issue please contact Ken or Colette.

Community Outreach No meeting

Tom and Liz reported that the Fall Fest - High Striker was not as successful as expected. The mechanism for bell ringer was broken. \$ 200.00 was raised for project Jump Start.

CUSS:

Attended Meeting: Colette Becker, Dave DeLooze, Roy Ross

Place: Columbus Center

Date:

- Letters were discussed in great length.
- Chancellor to fund conference on shared governance which was supported by Dr. Kirwan.
- Merit pay increase - there is a policy that allows for more than a 2.5% increase.
- Green initiatives - all state agencies are asked to reduce carbon.
 - alternative ways to commute to work
 - alternative ways of how to work (i.e. 4 ten hour days)
 - work from home program

HR is considering using the 10 hour work day as a negotiating tool for the MOU.

Suggested that we invite Larry Lauder to speak to Staff Senate on shared governance.

The Faculty Senate may be interested in this as well. Ken will contact Faculty Senate Chair Marcelo Cardarelli, MD.

Campus Committee Reports:

Special Events: - No meeting - no report

IT:

Tom McHugh reported that various issues were discussed but the top priorities for FY08 seems to be:

- Strengthening the fundamental IT services/ backbone on campus
- Emergency planning
 - o Redundancy in server/ system
 - Servers in multiple locations in case of power grid failure, natural disasters, etc
- Further integrate campus e-services so that single sign-on works for as many as possible

Library: No meeting - no report

Parking: No meeting - no report

Safety Awareness: No meeting - next meeting November 1st

Old Business:

*Collette will be ordering name plates for senators. If you do not have one, please let her know.

New Business:

None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Lovito
Secretary/Treasurer