

**Approved**  
University of Maryland, Baltimore Staff Senate  
Open Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2010  
HSF1 Room 516

**Roll Call:**

Present Senators: Lisa Anderson, Shannon Salyer, Ken Fahnestock, Bernadette Taylor, Libby Guarnera, Roy Ross, Tom McHugh, Jean Marie Roth, Ronald Kasl, Marlene King, Dave Delooze, Kim McCorr, Bill Hoffman, Pat Boland.

Excused Senators: Gynene Sullivan, Colette Becker, Phyllis Lovito, Aphrodite Bodycomb, Ron Kasl, Danielle Brown, Jessica Grabowski.

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

**Minutes:** The March Staff Senate meeting minutes were not distributed and therefore could not be reviewed and voted on. March and April minutes will be covered and voted on at the May meeting.

**Remarks from the Executive Committee:** No Meeting

- **Meeting with HR:** No Meeting

**Meeting with Acting President Reece:** Meeting held on 04/01/2010

- We thanked Dr. Reece for continuing the meetings with the Staff Senate and introduced the Executive Committee to him. We gave him a listing of the current Staff Senators and emphasized that we have representation from all schools and many of the central entities on this campus giving us a good cross-section of representatives.
- We went over our recent HR meeting and what we discuss and cover with HR when we meet with them.
- We covered the results of our recent staff survey and that we were compiling issues from this survey to have the Senate work on in the coming year.
- Dr. Reece discussed what happened at the President's meeting with the USM System.
- Dr. Reece is still digesting what is happening at the State level in regard to FY11 information, but things remain the same until the session is completed and the results have trickled down from the system to the individual campuses.
- Dr. Reece indicated that he requested from Dr. Ramsay that the senior leadership on the campus absorb the recent State salary reduction rather than all who are covered by State funding. This request was not implemented.

**Committee Reports:**

**Campus Life -** No report

**By Laws -** By law changes were distributed during the month of January, discussed at the March Staff Senate meeting and will be voted on at the upcoming April meeting.

**Policy and Legislation-** No Report

**Communication -** No Report

**Nomination** - FY11 nomination process is underway. Nomination form is revised and will be sent out the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. Nominations will be accepted through April 30<sup>th</sup> when they will be closed. We will use survey monkey again to conduct our elections. Our elections will begin May 14 through the 31<sup>st</sup>. Election data will be verified and personnel will be notified on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Newly elected and re-elected Senators will begin their term July 1.

#### **Community Outreach -No Meeting**

Discussion: The topic of the Staff Senate support of the Ronald McDonald house was brought up. It seems that there is mixed feelings about what our commitment is in regard to this charitable organization. The original plan was to have this be an ongoing source of support from the Staff Senate. It was not sure that that meant every month we were obligated to bring items in for distribution to the Ronald McDonald House. It was determined that that might have been an unrealistic goal to expect from each Senator. The plan is to designate a particular month (July) to collect items rather than leaving it wide open to interpretation. More discussion within the Outreach Committee will be required to formalize this process for the future.

**CUSS - No Report**

#### **Standing Committees:**

**Special Events:** Libby Guarnera

- Craft Fair was a success. One table made over \$2K. The next even is planned for 12/10/2010.
- MLK Celebration went well. Over 500 were in attendance.
- Women's History Month - Stephanie Rawlings-Blake could not attend due to her new role as Baltimore City Mayor.
- The scavenger hunt is on hold

**IT Steering:** Tom McHugh

- A number of issues came out of the recent State audit that will be addressed to help monitor things on the campus.
- The library will be conducting 30 minute workshops on hand-held technology on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Library:** No Meeting

**Parking:** Bernadette Taylor-Meeting held on 1/12/2010

- During the recent snowfall, the garage was open 24/7 to accommodate patient and employee parking issues.
- The draft parking budget is due in April.
- Saratoga parking for daily parkers to transition to permanent is ongoing. Not many have taken advantage of this option.
- The Grand Garage should be paid for in FY11.

**Safety Awareness:** No Report

**Sustainability Committee - No Report**

**Work Life Strategies:** No Report

**Old Business:**

Proposed changes to the Staff Senate By Laws were distributed in January and discussed at the March meeting and will be voted on under new business.

The election process is well underway. Outgoing Senators have been informed of their need to run in this upcoming election. There are 7 open Exempt Senate seats. There is one non-exempt open seat. There is also space for appointment of three alternates who receive the next highest votes from the 8 open Senate seats.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Roy Ross and Seconded by Dave DeLooze to vote on the Staff Senate bylaws as they have been proposed, reviewed and discussed. Vote was conducted and it was unanimous to accept the changed to the bylaws as recommended by the Executive Committee.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Fahnestock (submitted by the very capable and competent Staff Senate Secretary