

University of Maryland, Baltimore Staff Senate
Open Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2009
HSF1 Room 5186

Roll Call:

Present Senators: Aphrodite Bodycomb, Danielle Brown, Ken Fahnestock, Libby Guarnera, Dave Delooze, Pat Boland, Lisa Anderson, Gynene Sullivan, Jean Marie Roth, Bernadette Taylor, Kim McCorr, Phyllis Lovito, Ronald Kasl

Excused Senators: Colette Becker, Shannon Cooper, Bill Hoffman, Marlene King, Tom McHugh, Roy Ross, Jessica Wilkinson

Ken called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM and asked for the Roll Call.

Minutes: Ken asked for questions on minutes. Correction for CUSS representation added. Motion by Dave Delooze and seconded by Libby Guarnera to accept the minutes with correction.

Remarks from the Executive Committee: Meeting was held on July 27, 2009

- Budget cuts due 7/31/09; email sent to Dr. Ramasay
- Fall Fest table not a good choice for staff senate; was not productive last time
- Faculty/Student partnership-Ken Fahnestock will participate in emergency meeting with faculty to discuss campus activities
- Revisions of by-laws; executive committee will review and bring back to entire staff senate for review
- Internal committees-how are they working? Possibly need to set these committees up as ad hoc committees-plan to poll the staff to see what their issues are

Meeting with HR: Meeting was held on August 4, 2009

- Campus wellness
- Stimulus funds—new grants are coming in; concerned how staff is hired on campuses

Meeting with President Ramsey

- UMBI/SOM
- Faculty positions unclear
- Budget; receipts are down; currently reviewing monthly to see where revenue flows
- Faculty Club in Davidge Hall is in the works
- Update on commuter bus tickets
- Winners BOR

Committee Reports: Appointments to committees

Campus Life - Aphrodite Bodycomb, Pat Boland, Phyllis Lovito, Kimberly McCorr

By Laws - Executive Committee

Policy and Legislation: Dave Delooze

Communication - Ron Kasl, Colette Becker, Gynene Sullivan

Nomination - Executive Committee

Community Outreach - Jean Marie Roth, Lisa Anderson, Bernadette Taylor, Libby Guarnera

CUSS: No report

Standing Committees:

Special Events: Libby Guarnera

Scavenger hunt for Spring

Crafts Fair will be held in November in the new Student Union Building

Currently looking for different crafts; table will be \$25/table; look for e-mail

Looking for January/February speakers for Women's Day and Black History Month

Farmer's Market every Tuesday from 10:30 - 2:00 PM in the courtyard across from the hospital

IT Steering: meeting canceled

Library: -No Meeting

Parking: Dave Delooze would like to be replaced on this committee; Bernadette Taylor and Ken Fahnstock will now serve on this committee

Safety Awareness: Lisa Anderson and Bernadette Taylor will now serve on this committee

Sustainability Committee -Pat Bolland

Meeting Notes: Campus Sustainability Steering Committee

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Present: R. Rowan (Facilities and Operations), P. Boland (SSW), Dr. Cardarelli (Faculty Senate), T. Fahey (SON), M. Hohing (SOL), W. Irish (Procurement), R. Milner (Parking) B. Taylor (Facilities and Operations), M. Thompson (OEA), R. Ward (Academic Affairs), J. Getz (SOL Student Rep), Andrew York (SOL/SOP Student Rep)

Following introductions, the group reviewed the updated Climate Action Plan. B. Rowan explained that given the current economic climate, the section of the plan that calls for a Sustainability Director should be listed as a future endeavor. A suggestion was made to re-emphasize the concept of reduction in the plan. M. Hohing asked that some minor editing occurs such as removing an item that was listed twice, include showers in the bicycle program, and change the wording regarding parking from "limiting parkers" to "encourage alternate single occupancy vehicle usage". Suggestions were also made to emphasize paperless offices and identify items that might save money. B. Rowan asked the group to send comments/suggestions/changes to either himself (rrowan@af.umaryland.edu) or B. Taylor (btaylor@af.umaryland.edu) as soon as possible. Once changes/updates are included in the plan, B. Rowan will re-send the document to the group for one final review before submitting the document to the President; it is anticipated that the President will then share the document with the deans.

Committee Reports

Transportation and Teleworking:

The new carpooling program went live on June 15, 2009 and officially has one participant group in the Saratoga Garage. The ride Share program has 30 participants to date (this program is an informal matching system to allow riders to create their own carpools based on location). A newly created program for students, called the Carpool Zone, has been created. Information about the program has been filtered to the USGA who will place the information in the USGA News and other student communication venues.

The Charm City Circulator is scheduled to begin service on an east west route on September 21, 2009. North south service will start later.

The bicycle security area in the Pratt Street Garage will be completed within 8-10 weeks and will have up to 40 spaces that will be secured; access will be through card access only and will be monitored by camera. Students will be able to purchase a space at a cost of \$5 monthly. Free bike racks will be available but will not be monitored by security cameras.

The Car Share RFQ from Hertz is under evaluation by the Procurement Office. B. Irish (Procurement) is in the process of checking Hertz's references from Ohio State and Pepperdine University. He will meet with the Parking Office for next steps.

Education and Awareness:

A Go Green table will be available at Fall Fest and in the new Campus Center. On August 31, 2009, the center will have its grand opening with a week of activities and would like to have a table of sustainability information for this event. B. Rowan and M. Thompson will meet to discuss details on information to be distributed.

Design and Construction: No report

Operations: No report

New Business:

Smoking Policy: M. Hohing asked for input regarding how to stop people from smoking in the SOL courtyard. Although signs are clearly visible, people continue to use the Courtyard as a "designated" smoking area.

Sustainability Practices: At the July meeting, during discussions on ways to reduce paper usage the question concerning the rationale for mass producing the campus directory surfaced. M. Thompson explained that because UMMC was not under one centralized database, the directory (which is printed every two years) has become the system's primary source of information that pulls all entities together into one database. He suggested that in an effort to be more energy-conscious, OEA could produce fewer copies or information could be printed just for UMMC and UMB could then obtain data online.

R.Rowan noted that the Governor announced a Red Line light rail will under the campus with stops at Lombard and Howard and Poppleton and MLK.

The next meeting will be on September 2, 2009 at 11:00 am, in Room GR-1001 of the Saratoga Building.

New committee was added

Work Life Strategies: Ken Fahnestock and Gynene Sullivan will serve on this committee

Old Business:

CUSS representatives reviewed

New Business:

HR reps meeting for campus was held today; the discussion was on the furloughs and how did well did they work. Many voiced their disappointment with having to take the 4 hours and no flexibility and also use vacation time.

Furloughs on grants—A21 rule however there were exemptions; everyone was not treated the same

President Ramsay's letter; Ken sent letter on behalf of staff senate and used the 175+ emails that was received from the staff

An email will be sent to the staff with bullets of the points in the letter. A link to the letter will be placed in the e-mail

Ronald McDonald house collection is coming

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Brown