

WELCOME DEAN TOBIN!
UMB Staff Senate
Open Meeting
School of Law, Krongard Room, 1st Floor
February 5, 2015

Roll Call:

Present Senators: Amanda Azuma, Colette Beaulieu, Craig Boegner, Nancy Bowers, Danielle Brown, Bill Crockett, Colleen Day, Ken Fahnestock, Angela Hall, Cynthia Hollis, Susan Holt, Carl Jackson, Janet Nance-Richardson, Sandy Rollins, Roy Ross, Nakiya Shurman, Bernadette Taylor, Lois Warner, Yimei Wu

Excused Senators: Laura Bell, Carol McKissick, Kevin Watson

Absent Senators: Kiscia Cannon

- I. Welcome and Introductions; Guest Speaker – Dean Tobin running late.
- II. Revisions/corrections/approval to December 2014 meeting minutes?
Remove sentence containing selling of discount cards. A motion was made to accept the December minutes with the above correction by Angela Hall and seconded by Roy Ross. The December minutes were approved.
- III. Attachments/Committee Minutes: December 9, 2014 meeting with Dr. Perman, January 8, 2015 Executive Staff Senate meeting, January 28, 2015 meeting with Joe Smith, Executive Director, HRS, Sustainability Committee meeting
- IV. Remarks from Executive Committee:
 - A) Resignation of Chairperson Kate McManus – Colette Beaulieu will assume the duties of Chair; however, the Executive Committee will need to determine who will fill role of Acting Chair in Colette's absence.
 - B) Meeting with Dr. Perman, December 9, 2014 – see attached notes. The next meeting with Dr. Perman is scheduled for February 18, 2015. Any items for inclusion to the agenda should be forwarded to Colette by February 13, 2015.
 - C) Meeting with Joe Smith, January 28, 2015 – see attached notes.
 - D) Staff Senate Monthly Meeting Speakers/Sites

March 5 – Assistant Vice President Flavius Lilly, Academic & Student Affairs, location TBD

April 16 – Lois Warner will set up a meeting space in the Lexington Building. A speaker will be determined.

May 7

June 4

July 2

V. Old Business

A) Staff Senate Newsletter – Acting Chair Beaulieu asked that the newsletter be tabled until March 2015.

B) The December Toy Drive was a huge success.

VI. New Business

A) CUSS

i. Three things are in play regarding the University's budget: 1) UMB reductions started back in the summer with a Commitment to Excellence process designed to deal with the drop in enrollment and other shortfalls; 2) the O'Malley reductions (the leadership has made decisions on how to manage the reductions); and 3) the 2016 Hogan budget that is very difficult to understand.

ii. Gov. Hogan's plan is to roll back the 2% COLA received in January 2015.

iii. The campus is working to develop a plan of action to address the FY 2016 gab. There is a chance to get supplemental money added to the budget.

iv. It is very important that shared governance is transparent. Chair Beaulieu will speak with Dr. Perman to ensure that communication remains open with senior leadership.

B) Other Issues

i. The van pool process is underway; the goal is initiate the program in May 2015.

ii. The Staff Senate website issues are being resolved; there was some issues with navigation and missing documents are now back on line. The Communications Office will meet with Chair Beaulieu and Yimei Wu to discuss the content of the site.

VII. Staff Senate and Campus Committee Reports

a) UNIVERSITY LIFE – **Craig**

This group is focusing on child care. There are benefits listed on the HRS website; although the information is 5-6 years old, the information is still accurate. The committee would like to determine who is actually using the benefits by developing a 5-7 question survey to gather data. A. Bodycomb

completed a report on childcare that was presented to President Perman. She may be a good resource when pulling together information.

b) COMMUNICATIONS – Yimei

The spring wellness fair will be held on March 2w5, 2015 from 10am – 2pm. The Staff Senate will host a table. A sign-up sheet will be distributed.

c) COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Laura – no report.

d) POLICY-LEGISLATION – Roy

The new legislature has about 40 new faces now. The University System lost lots of key contacts who supported higher education; things may get tough. CUSS will need to reconnect and establish rapport with the new people.

CUSS is working on staff advocacy day scheduled for 2/26/2015. The rally is only for CUSS members at this time and it is anticipated that about 25-40 people will attend.

Cynthia Hollis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Angela Hall seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernadette C. Taylor
2/5/2015
(Amended and Approved 3/19/2015)