**The Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Monday August 4, 2014**

**Raburn Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on August 4, 2014 in the Raburn Conference Room.

**II. Introduction of New Senators, Returning Senators, & Roll Call**

Members present were Jimmy Waddell, Molly Vaughn, Anita Holcombe, Melissa Thornton, Russ Wilson, Jerrod Russell, Tyler Unsicker, Haley Brink, Kelly Ford, Bishop Alexander (proxy for Susan Hughes), Paula Hailey, Thomas Tidmore, George Sherrill, and Salena Denton

**Absent:** Janet Jones and Susan Hughes

Mr. Jimmy Waddell introduced Senators to special quest – Mr. Clinton Carter, Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs. Mr. Carter briefly discussed the following topics:

* New bond deal for housing projects
* University budget for 2014/2015 fiscal year- not expected to see much change from last fiscal year
* 3% Cost of Living Adjustment for all employees – could be based on fall enrollment
* Analyzing the cost of some building upgrades- Norton auditorium bathrooms, Bibb Graves elevator, Communication building , and GUC
* Increasing staff salary midpoint allocations from $100,000 to $150,000 – also could be based on fall enrollment

**III. Approval of Minutes from the June 16th Meeting**

Ms. Melissa Thornton made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Haley Brink seconded. All present and approved the minutes as presented.

**IV. Approval of Agenda for the August 4th Meeting**

Mr. Jimmy Waddell made a motion to add the nominee for the Food Service Committee to new business. Ms. Haley Brink made a motion to approve the agenda with addition. Ms. Paula Hailey seconded. All present and approved the agenda as presented.

**V. Staff Senate President’s Report**

Mr. Jimmy Waddell reported that he and Dr. Molly Vaughn met with President Thornell and were well pleased with his responses. President Thornell has asked to meet with the Staff Senate to discuss concerns. Staff Senate approved to ask President Thornell to attend our September 8th meeting. Mr. Jimmy Waddell has asked all Senators to send questions they wished asked to President Thornell by Friday, August 8th. Mr. Jimmy Waddell will formulate the questions and forward them to President Thornell prior to the September 8th meeting.

Mr. Jimmy Waddell reported that President Thornell was not aware of the request to increase midpoint allocations from $100,000 to $150,000. His plans are to meet with Ms. Catherine White and implement this midpoint allocation increase if possible.

**VI. Shared Governance Committee Reports**

No updates to report.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

Dr. Molly Vaughn reported that the present Wellness Program Committee consists of Ms. Catherine White, Mr. Jim Eubanks, and Dr. Thomas Coates. Dr. Molly Vaughn asked for volunteers to serve on the Wellness Program Committee.

**VIII. and IX. New Business and Discussion**

Mr. Jimmy Waddell asked Senators to email him with any new ideas that need to be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Mr. Jimmy Waddell reported that there are three positions open on committees (the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Multicultural Advisory Committee, and the Food Service Committee:

* Ms. Kelly Ford made a motion to nominate Dr. Mary Bowers to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Dr. Molly Vaughn seconded the motion. All present and approved the nomination as presented.
* Ms. Haley Brink made a motion to nominate Ms. Sherry Hester to the Multicultural Advisory Committee. Dr. Molly Vaughn seconded the motion. All present and approved the nomination as presented.
* Mr. Jimmy Waddell made a motion to nominate Jermaine Ferguson to the Food Service Committee. Ms. Anita Holcombe seconded the motion. All present and approved the nomination as presented.

There were discussions regarding options of future parking on campus and sending an invitation to Chief Pastula to attend future Staff Senate meeting to discuss concerns.

**X. Announcements**

Mr. Jimmy Waddell announced that the next meeting will be September 8th.

**XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Russ Wilson made a motion to adjourn meeting. Dr. Molly Vaughn seconded. All present and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita Holcombe