**The Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 15, 2015**

**Raburn Conference Room**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on June 15, 2015 by President Jimmy Waddell in the Raburn Conference Room.

1. **Introduction of Proxies and Roll Call**

Members present were: Jimmy Waddell, Dr. Molly Vaughn, Melissa Bolton (proxy for Anita Holcombe), Bliss Adkison (proxy for Melissa Thornton), Russ Wilson, Jarrod Russell, Haley Brink, Jennifer Smith (proxy for Kelly Ford), Janet Jones, Paula Hailey, Thomas Tidmore, George Sherrill, and Salena Denton.

**Absent:** Anita Holcombe, Melissa Thornton, Tyler Unsicker, Kelly Ford, Susan Hughes

1. **Approval of Minutes for the May 11th Meeting**

Mr. Russ Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Molly Vaughn seconded. All present approved the minutes as presented.

1. **Approval of Agenda for June 15th Meeting**

Ms. Paula Hailey made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Haley Brink seconded. All present approved the agenda as presented.

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

Mr. Jimmy Waddell reported that the Board of Trustees meeting went very well. Summer school revenue is up due to increase in tuition. Enrollment is down 2.9%. There was some discussion on the issue of additional parking. Mr. Clinton Carter reported that we would receive 2.5 million dollars more than last fiscal year from the state. Building I of the new resident halls is 90% complete. It is 100% occupied for the fall semester. Building II is 57% complete. Rice and River resident halls will remain open. There is still uncertainty about whether enrollment will increase for fall semester. Blue Cross Blue Shield will increase premiums next year. Single coverage employees will not see additional deductions, family coverage employees increased deductions are not known as this time. Dr. Vicki Pierce was named the new Dean of Nursing. Dr. James is the new Director of the Kilby Laboratory School. Honorary degrees were given to Dawn and Laura Harrison.

 **VI. Unfinished Business**

Mr. Jimmy Waddell reported that the full version of the Staff Senate survey with comments will be housed in the president’s office and Dr. Molly Vaughn’s office. The survey without comments is now published on the Staff Senate website. The Board of Trustees is also aware of the locations of the full version survey with comments.

Mr. Jimmy Waddell reported that this will be his last meeting to serve as President of Staff Senate and thanked each member for his/her support this year. He praised Ms. Melissa Thornton for laying the groundwork for many important issues and goals. The members also thanked Mr. Jimmy Waddell for his contributions during his term as Staff Senate President.

Mr. Jimmy Waddell had received a letter from Mr. Clinton Carter, summarizing the letter as follows; in terms of the final budget, we will not be able to determine final numbers until fall enrollment number are firm. We will receive a larger increase from the state than last year. Soar numbers are at an all-time high, so it appears that the upcoming freshmen class could be our biggest ever, but we also had a very large graduating class.

**VII. New Business**

There was no new business.

**VIII. Discussions**

There were no discussions.

**IX. Announcements**

The next meeting will be in July with the date to be forthcoming.

**X. Adjournment**

Ms. Janet Jones made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Molly Vaughn seconded. All present approved.