**The Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Monday October 13, 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 October 13, 2014 in the Raburn Conference Room.

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

Members present were Molly Vaughn, Anita Holcombe, Melissa Thornton, Russ Wilson, Jerrod Russell, Tyler Unsicker, (Veronica Allen, proxy for Kelly Ford), Janet Jones, Paula Hailey, Thomas Tidmore, and George Sherrill

**Absent:** Jimmy Waddell, Haley Brink,Kelly Ford**,** Susan Hughes and Salena Denton

**III. Approval of Agenda for October 13th Meeting**

Ms. Melissa Thornton made a motion to approve the agenda with revision of date change for approved minutes from last Staff Senate meeting. Mr. Tyler Unsicker seconded. All present and approved the agenda as presented.

**IV. Approval of Minutes for the September 15th Meeting**

Ms. Janet Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Tyler Unsicker seconded. All present and approved the minutes as presented.

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

No updates

**VI. Shared Governance Committee Report**

No updates

**VII. Unfinished Business**

Dr. Molly Vaughn reported that three nominations had been received to serve on the Wellness Committee. Plans are to retain Mr. Jim Eubanks, Ms. Catherine White and Mr. Tom Coates as members of the Wellness Committee.

**IX. New Business and Discussions**

Ms. Melissa Thornton distributed a proposal to the language of the Shared Governance Executive Committee regarding who can hold the office of Chair. The Shared Governance Document Article XIII A.1 stipulates that the Chair of the Shared Governance Executive Committee should be a tenured senior faculty member. The proposal would recommend that this requirement be changed such that a staff member serving on the SGEC may also be elected to serve as chair. Also in the event that a staff member is elected as chair that one staff at large position is added to the membership for a total of two (2) staff-at-large positions.

Dr. Molly Vaughn asked Senators to forward any questions or topics of discussion for the Presidential Candidates. Members of Staff Senate are scheduled to meet the Presidential Candidates later in the week.

**X. Announcements**

Dr. Molly Vaughn announced that the next Staff Senate meeting will be November 10, 2014.

**XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Tyler Unsicker made a motion to adjourn meeting. Ms. Paula Hailey seconded. All present and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita Holcombe