Staff Senate Minutes
November 14, 2005


ABSENT: Constance Alexander (excused), Queen Brown, Laura Cooper, Tim Dills (excused), Denise Dunn, Joy Fulkerson, Linda Greenwell (excused), Cindy Lybrand, Wanda Richardson (excused),

President Renee Couch called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

President Couch asked if there were any corrections to the October minutes. Senator Amy Bowers said that the Nursing Department needed to be changed to the College of Nursing. With no other corrections, President Couch asked for approval to the minutes. Senator Tom Hill made the motion to approve and seconded by Betty Grice. The motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report - Senator Trillis McKee reported a balance in the Thanksgiving food drive account of $1,136.96; a balance in the operating account of $2,980.00; and a balance in the picnic/staff awards account of $7,000. She said that she had been handed at least $1,266.00 to be deposited into the Thanksgiving food drive

Committee Reports:

A. Staff Development and Evaluations – Senator Marcia Donnelson said that Rich Ashley had been asked to conduct a Smoking Cessation class. She was told that the Student Health Services might have some information.

B. Staff Concerns and Grievances – No report

C. Committee on Committees – Senator Carla Warner reported that Karen Sullivan, chairperson of the Parking Committee needed a new person on the committee and that Laura Terry had been placed to serve on that committee.

D. Elections Committee – No report
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E. Thanksgiving Committee – Senator Kathy Smith reported that November 15th was the last day for donations of food; November 14th was the last day for monetary donations. And that on November 16th at 9 am we start packing boxes.

Old Business:

A. President Couch asked for help in updating the Staff Senate Web page. Senator Michael Vaughn mentioned that he had talked with ATS staff people about designing a new page. President Couch said that at this time the only thing that needed to be done was updating the information that was there. Senator Vaughn said that he would do it.

B. President Couch passed out the list of Standing and Project Committee membership. She said that the Staff Concerns & Grievances Committee needed 2 more people on that committee; and that the Picnic Committee needed at least 5 more members. She also asked that the phone numbers be checked to see if they were correct.

C. Senator Carla Warner reported on the Fall Family Festival – great event and she thanked everyone for helping.

New Business:

A. Staff Appreciation & Recognition – President Couch asked for our thoughts on what to do in addition to the Staff Picnic. Several of the comments were: Good idea; The last Staff Convocation brought the campuses together; showed appreciation to the staff for the work that they did; needed to be before the students returned to the campus. Senator Regina Tucker made a motion that a committee be formed to work on the convocation. Senator Corintha Duncan seconded the motion. Senator Carla Warner asked if this should not come under the Staff Development Committee to decide. Dr. Bishop said that we needed to ask what purpose we wanted to achieve and whether we wanted it to be formal or informal. Senator Terry Nelson made a motion that we table this discussion to a later time. The motion was seconded by Senator Tom Hill.

B. President Couch asked if we had ideas to Requested Speakers. One suggestion was someone from Athletics to talk about the new conference that we are in. She asked that we contact her to let her know.
C. Senator Sharon Chandler asked about the taxes that were taken out of the Longevity and Bonus checks. Several in her department asked if we could do the taxes ourselves. Dr. Bishop said that if was federally mandated decision was to how much taxes was taken out.

D. President Couch asked Senators Carolyn Bond and Donna Murphy if there were any requests for PSA funds. Senator Bond replied there were none at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, December 12, in the Forum Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bond, Secretary