Staff Senate Minutes

April 10, 2006


ABSENT: Pat Barnett, Kim Blevins (excused), Mark Bragg (excused), Jeanine Carroll (excused), Charles Forrester, Diana McClay (excused), Terry Nelson (excused), Sherri Renfro (excused), Rita Taylor (excused), Michael Vaughn

President Renee Couch called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Couch introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Larry Calhoun, Dean, College of Pharmacy. He gave an overview of where the College of Pharmacy was at this point. He gave the five (5) areas in which they are working on: (1) Accreditation: January 2007 – classes start; Vote for Pre-candidacy; (2). Students – First class of 65 students- have received 465 applications that have paid their fees – April 20th interviewing the first 30 candidates; (3). Leadership Team – 2 deans and 2 associate deans have been hired; (4). Fundraising – have received the full amount to begin with; (5). Physical plan – Renovating of Building 7 on the VA campus - should be finished in the Fall of 2008.

MINUTES: President Couch asked for approval to the minutes from the March meeting. Senator Tom Hill made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Constance Alexander. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Senator Trilllis McKee reported a balance in the Thanksgiving food drive account of $71.00; a balance in the operating account of $2,868.11; and a balance in the Staff Awards Account of $7,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Staff Development and Evaluations: No report
B. Staff Concerns and Grievances: No report
C. Committee on Committees: Submitted by Senator Carla Warner. Calling on people who are the committees whose terms are expiring, to see if they would be willing to serve again; Veterans Affairs committee – needs someone who is a veteran and does not need to be a Staff Senator; Animal Care Committee – Someone who works with animals.
D. Elections Committee: No Report
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OLD BUSINESS:

A. Senator Carolyn Bond, Chairman of the Staff Picnic mentioned that the committee had met on March 23rd to begin making plans for the Staff Picnic; the Staff Awards Nomination Forms had been emailed to all staff except the Physical Plant, which had been mailed; Asked that the Senators sign up to work in 2 hour slots during the picnic.

B. Senator Betty Grice, Chairman of the Blood Drive mentioned the date for the Blood Drive was May 11th. Hope to have publicity from the American Red Cross soon. The place for the Blood Drive would be the right side of the ballroom.

New Business:

A. Senator Tim Dills mentioned that Trillis McKee had been recognized by the College of Business for the Outstanding Staff Award.

Senator David Robinson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, May 8, 2006, in Meeting Room #2.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bond, Secretary