Staff Senate Minutes

January 9, 2006


ABSENT: Constance Alexander (excused), Amy Bower (excused), Mark Bragg (excused), Queen Brown, Jeanine Carroll (excused), Sharon Chandler (excused), Corintha Duncan (excused), Joy Fulkerson (excused), David Robinson (excused), Trish Stafford (excused), Andre Stevens, and Regina Tucker (excused), Michael Vaughn (excused).

President Renee Couch called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Couch introduced our guest speaker, Ms Diana McClay to the meeting. She spoke about the Equity Compensation Plan Methodology.

President Couch asked if there were any corrections to the December minutes. With one correction that being the limit of $3600.00 that the IRS allows to be held for the Flexible Spending Plan, President Couch asked for approval to the minutes. Senator Tom Hill made the motion to approve and seconded by Betty Ann Proffitt. The motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report - Senator Trillis McKee reported a balance in the Thanksgiving food drive account of $71.00; a balance in the operating account of $2,980.11; 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 – No report

D. Elections Committee – No report
Old Business:

A. With the absence of Michael Vaughn the update on the web page changes will be discussed at a later time

B. President Couch charged the Staff Appreciation & Recognition committee with the following charge: Present Staff Senate with two-three plans for a Staff Convocation or similar event designed to inform staff on the state of the University and enable staff to connect with each other and the larger University community. Plans should reflect the concerns and ideas expressed in Staff Senate meetings. Senator Carla Warner, chair of the committee announced that Joy Fulkerson agreed to be on the committee. Senator Kim Blevins volunteered to be on the committee as well.

C. The speaker for the February meeting will be Dr. Nancy Dishner. She will speak on the University Marketing Initiatives.

D. President Couch asked that Senators Tim Dills and Kim Blevins review the Constitution.

E. President Couch stressed the fact that each Senator needs to inform the Senate Secretary if they will not be present for the Senate meetings. She mentioned that start of the New Year in September that an orientation of the new Senators would be in place.

F. Kathy Smith, chair of the Thanksgiving Food Drive mentioned that $900.00 in gift cards were purchased for about 25 families at Christmas time.

New Business: None

Senator Terry Nelson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2006, in the Forum Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bond, Secretary