Staff Senate Minutes

July 10, 2006

PRESENT: Constance Alexander, Pat Barnett, Lisa Blackburn, Carolyn Bond, Cindy Cander, Jeanine Carroll, Sharon Chandler, Renee Couch, Marcia Donnelson, Corintha Duncan, Denise Dunn, Charles Forrester, Tom Hill, Diana McClay, Trillis McKee, Terry Nelson, Betty Ann Proffitt, Trish Stafford, Andre Stevens, Michael Vaughn, Pam White, John Sanders, Dr. Wilsie Bishop

ABSENT: Kim Blevins (excused), Amy Bower, Queen Brown, Mark Bragg, Kathy Brooks, Tim Dills (excused), Joy Fulkerson, Linda Greenwell, Betty Grice (excused), Linda Lett, Donna Murphy (excused), Sherri Renfro, Wanda Richardson (excused), David Robinson (excused), Kathy Smith (excused), Vanessa Stephens (excused), Karen Sullivan (excused), Rita Taylor, Carla Warner (excused)

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

MINUTES: President Couch asked for approval to the minutes from the June meeting. With no correction to the minutes, Senator Betty Ann Proffitt made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Terry Nelson. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Senator Trillis McKee reported the year-end balance in the balance in the operating account of $395.00; and a balance in the Staff Awards Account of $7,000.00.

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 – given by Senator Jeannie Carroll. Two (2) openings to be filled.
D. Elections Committee: Have taken steps to get ready for elections in September. Nomination deadline on July 25th and ballots to be in the mail by July 30th.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Senator Michael Vaughn reported he has started to work on the website. At the present time he is getting the updates in order and organizing them. Senator Carolyn Bond asked him when he would need the information that she has. He said whenever she could get them to him.
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B. Senator Terry Nelson reported on meeting the Mike Bettis of Balfour. The Balfour Company has come up with several designs for the ring. Senator Nelson mentioned the design that he likes was a flat style with blue stone and the Carillon on the side. It will also have the date that the employee joined the University and when the employee retires their retirement date could be placed on the ring. Senator Corintha Duncan made the motion to accept the design that had the Carillon on the ring. Senator Tom Hill seconded the motion. Senator Lisa Blackburn suggested that Mark Bragg could send out a campus wide email of the design.

C. President Couch reported on the meeting of the Convocation Committee with Dr. Bishop, Dr. D.J. Jesse, Dr. Dishner, Senators Carla Warner, and Karen Sullivan. The convocation planned for October 5th from 3 to 4 pm. Some of the ideas concerning the Convocation were: Reserve parking and shuttle service from the VA campus; film will be shown and Dr. Stanton will give the State of the University speech; Staff is important to the University. Volunteers will be needed to hand out the programs and help with serving – volunteers will not be from the Staff Senate but from across the campus. A motion to form the Convocation Committee that will consist of no more that four(4) members plus the chair. President Couch asked for a volunteer to be the chair of the committee. Senator Lisa Blackburn volunteered to be chair and Senator Betty Ann Proffitt volunteered to help.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. President Couch read a thank you note from the Distinguished Staff Award recipient, Ramona Williams. She thanked the Senate for choosing her as one of the winners.

B. President Couch mentioned about the vacancy on the Lottery Scholarship Appeal Panel. Mary Cradic, chair of the Tennessee Educational Lottery Scholarship Institutional Review Panel requested one nomination from the Staff Senate to replace Dr. Steve Campbell who left the university. The term is from August 16, 2006 through August 15, 2008. She asked for volunteers. Senator Lisa Blackburn volunteered to be the representative from Staff Senate.
Senator Tom Hill made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Corintha Duncan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, August 14, 2006, in Forum Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bond, Secretary