Staff Senate Minutes

March 13, 2006


ABSENT: Amy Bower (excused), Sharon Chandler (excused), Corintha Duncan, Linda Greenwell (excused), Linda Lett (excused), Cindy Lybrand (excused), Trillis McKee (excused), Betty Ann Proffitt (excused), Kathy Smith (excused), Andre Stevens, Karen Sullivan (excused), Carla Warner (excused)

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. Bill Fisher, TCRS Board of Trustees representative; he gave an overview of the yearly report of benefits and the annual report of the TCRS.

Carolyn Bond, Secretary mentioned some corrections that was made to the minutes after they were emailed. President Couch asked for approval to the minutes. Senator Kim Blevins made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Wanda Richardson.

Treasurer's Report – No Changes

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. President Couch mentioned that our recommendations for the Staff Convocation were sent to Dr. Bishop. Dr. Bishop had spoken with Dr. Stanton; he was pleased with the recommendation. In May, Dr Bishop, Senators Carla Warner, Karen Sullivan and President Couch would meet with Dr. Dishner and Dr. Jesse.

B. Update on the Web Page Changes: Senator Michael Vaughn was not present.
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C. Review of the Constitution: President Couch reviewed the items that Senator Tim Dills thought we needed to review. A motion to approve Senator Tim Dills as our Parliamentarian was approved. Tim was to consult with Robert’s Rules of Order concerning the secret ballot of all officers.

Bylaws: Size of Committees: At this time, some (not all) of the standing committees have more than 4 members. Senator Joy Fulkerson suggested that the Bylaws should say a minimum of five (5). Senator Vanessa Stephens agreed to leave the committees as they stand. President Couch said the she felt the consensus of the Senate to leave the committees as they stand.

New Business:

A. Senator Betty Grice, Chairman of the Blood Drive mentioned the date for the Blood Drive was May 11th. She will have a sign-up sheet at the next Staff Senate Meeting. The date for the Blood Drive for 2007 will be June 19th.

B. Senator Carolyn Bond, Chairman of the Staff Picnic asked that all members of the committee to met immediately following the Staff Senate meeting.

C. Senator Kim Blevins mentioned the student-led American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life would be April 7th and 8th from 7 pm to 7 am. There would be 14 to 15 different teams, also a Survivors Lap.

D. Senator Joy Fulkerson asked that we encourage the students by attending the Maya Angelou lecture on March 21st. Price of tickets would be $5.00 for Faculty and Staff, Students would get one (1) free ticket. The price at the door would be $15.00.

Senator Terry Nelson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned; Senator Wanda Richardson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2006, in the Forum Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bond, Secretary