

**Minutes
Staff Senate Meeting
CPA Building
November 12, 2007
2:30 p.m.**

Present: Lisa Blackburn, Kim Blevins, Carolyn Bond, Queen Brown, Robert Calkins, Cindy Canter, Corintha Duncan, Denise Dunn, Charles Forrester, Linda Greenwell, Dilawar Grewal, Stephanie Nave, Terry Nelson, Judy Oaks, Debbie Parks, Chuck Patton, Betty Ann Proffitt, E. Shea Renfro, Wanda Richardson, David Robinson, Jamie Simmons, Kathy Smith, Debbie Starnes, Vanessa Stephens, Karen Sullivan, Carla Warner, John Sanders

Absent: Constance Alexander (excused), Renee Couch (excused), Till Dills (excused), Joy Fulkerson (excused), Angela Haire (excused), Alison Johnson, Linda Lett, Judy Oaks (excused), Sue Russell (excused), Patricia Stafford, Scott Vaughn (resigned)

Visitors: Faculty Senator Dr. Isabel Bonny Stanley, Faculty Senator Dr. Kelly A. Dorgan, and Ms. Pamela F. Blevins, College of Pharmacy

1. The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Blackburn.
2. A motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2007 was made by Senator Kim Blevins and second by Senator Terry Nelson.
3. The following old business was presented by President Lisa Blackburn.

- **Proposed Amendment to the Constitution to be voted on**

Section III Membership

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Proposed Addition to Section E:

Any Senator whose term of office is terminated due to absences or other reasons and has not been reinstated following the appeals process shall not be eligible to run for office until at least one year has passed since his/her dismissal.

Action taken by Staff Senate:

The motion was made by President-elect Wanda Richardson and second by Senator Carolyn Bond to vote on the amendment. The vote was unanimous to adopt the amendment.

4. The new business presented by President Blackburn was a Thank you card received from Dr. Wilsie Bishop for her plaque from the Staff Senate that was given to her at the Convocation. President Blackburn read the Thank You card to the Senate.
5. The floor was opened for new agenda items and concerns. There was none presented.
6. The meeting was adjourned in order to sort items for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.