

WELCOME VICE PRESIDENT BYINGTON!

UMB Staff Senate

Open Meeting

620 Lexington Street, Room 02-111

March 19, 2015

Roll Call:

Present Senators: Amanda Azuma, Colette Beaulieu, Laura Bell, Nancy Bowers, Danielle Brown, Kiscia Cannon, Colleen Day, Ken Fahnestock, Angela Hall, Susan Holt, Carl Jackson, Riham Keryakos, Nakiya Schurman, Lois Warner, Yimei Wu

Excused Senators: Bill Crockett, Carol McKissick, Frank Preckel, Sandy Rollins, Bernadette Taylor, Janet Nance-Richardson, Roy Ross

Absent Senators: Cynthia Hollis, Kevin Watson

- I. Welcome and Introductions; Guest Speaker – Vice President Byington informed the group about the current state of the campus budget.
- II. Revisions/corrections/approval to February 2015 meeting minutes?
Lois Warner made a motion to accept the February minutes as written and seconded by Colleen Day. The February minutes were approved.
- III. Attachments/Committee Minutes: January 28, 2015 meeting with Joe Smith, Executive Director, HRS; February 18, 2015 meeting with Dr. Perman and Jennifer Litchman
- IV. Remarks from Executive Committee:
 - a. Meeting with Joe Smith, HRS, January 28, 2015 – notes attached
 - b. Meeting with President Perman, February 18, 2015 – notes attached.
 - c. Staff Senate Monthly Meeting Speakers/Sites – any Senator who is willing to host an upcoming State Senate meeting is asked to contact Colette Beaulieu to coordinate. Upcoming speakers may include someone from HRS (possibly Joe Smith or Roger Ward), and someone from the Communications Office (possibly Laura Kozak). Colette Beaulieu and Yimei Wu will work on inviting these speakers.

April 16 – location to be determined.

May 7 – Nominations for Executive Committee

June 4 – Election of Executive Committee (Except Member-at-Large)

July 2 – New Senators will be in attendance at this meeting; guest visitors will be Dr. Perman and Ms. Litchman (Election of Member-at-Large)

V. Old Business

- a. Staff Senate Newsletter – Laura Bell and Yimei Wu will be sending out a copy of the work that has already been done on the newsletter for Staff Senators to comment on.
- b. BOR Staff Awards – CUSS is in the process of reviewing the nominations
- c. Updated Staff Senate Web Site – Colette Beaulieu is working with the Office of Communications to correct issues that resulted from changes implemented by Communications. She will keep the committee updated on any issues. Also, if anyone identifies any errors or problems with the Staff Senate site, please let Colette know immediately.

VI. New Business

- a. CUSS – **no report.**
- b. Agenda items for Dr. Perman’s meeting - Senators are encouraged to forward any questions/concerns/suggestions that they would like Dr. Perman to discuss with the Executive Committee at its April 22, 2015 meeting with the president.
- c. New Staff Senate members and resignations
 - i. Craig Boegner resigned from the Senate on March 6. With his resignation and the resignation of Kate McManus in February 2015 we have two seats that need to be filled. Last year’s election results were consulted and used to determine the following placements:
 - Sandra Rollins, because she was the highest vote getter from the May 2014 election and currently serving as a Non-Exempt/Excluded Senator Rep will assume the Exempt seat vacated by Kate McManus scheduled to end in June 2015
 - Lois Warner, because she was the second highest vote getter from the May 2014 election and currently serving as a Non-Exempt/Excluded Rep will assume the Exempt seat vacated by Craig Boegner until June of 2015 when Craig’s term was scheduled to end.
 - Kiscia Cannon currently serving as an alternate will move to the open Exempt Staff Serving a Non-Exempt/Excluded Rep seat vacated by Sandra Rollins; her term will end in June of 2015.
 - Nakiya Schurman currently serving as an alternate will move to the open Exempt Staff Serving as a Non-Exempt/Excluded seat vacated by Lois Warner; her term will end in June of 2015.

- Frank Preckel and Riham Keryakos will be filing the alternate seats vacated by Kiscia Cannon and Nakiya Schurman.
- d. Elections Committee – a call for volunteers for the 2015-2016 Staff Senate Elections Committee. Carol McKissick, Amanda Azuma, Laura Bell and Colleen Day have agreed to be part of the committee. Nominations will be accepted in April and the election will be held in May.

VII. Staff Senate and Campus Committee Reports

- a. UNIVERSITY LIFE – **no report.**
- b. COMMUNICATIONS – **Yimei**

There was some discussion regarding the effectiveness of the newly created Elm. Specifically, it is not clear whether people are actually reading the Elm. Issues such as a restrictive deadline, extra effort expended on formatting, lack of interest in the contents, lack of time to read the Elm, and repetitive content, were identified.

The spring wellness fair will be held on March 25, 2015 from 10am – 2pm. The Staff Senate will host a table. A sign-up sheet will be distributed.

- c. COMMUNITY OUTREACH – **no report.**
- d. PARKING POLICY – **Susan** – notes attached.
- e. POLICY-LEGISLATION – **no report.**
- f. Faculty Senate Liaison – Colette attended the March Faculty Senate meeting where it was discussed that the Shared Governance bodies on campus need to try to schedule a joint meeting sometime next year where common issues could be identified to work on. This was suggested as a way for Shared Governance to make a stronger presence here at UMB.

Laura Bell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lois Warner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernadette C. Taylor
3/19/2015
(Amended and Approved 4/16/2015)