



Staff Senate Minutes

November 11, 2015 – 1:15 p.m.

7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union

Quorum Present

Senators Present: Suzann Bennett, Angie Campbell, Joann Daugherty, Susan DeRousse, Adam Due, Melissa Gordon, Jonathan Hunt, Derek Light, Cindy Starwalt, Shawn Peoples, Tony Craven, Renee Kerz, Peggy Brown, Christine Jenkins

Guest: Paul McCann

Senators Absent: Lisa Walker, Michelle Wayne, Melissa Coleman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Peoples at 1:18 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the October minutes was made by Senator Bennett. It was 2nd by Joann Daugherty. The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$0.00. The new budget has not been loaded yet.

Committee Reports: No Reports

Constituent Reports:

Senator Bennett generated reports using the most recent election database- it may be slightly outdated but this gives each area an idea of their constituents.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Review/ Vote- items were supposed to be taken off at this time.
- B. Letter to Springfield on behalf of Staff Senate stating the importance of EIU receiving the budget.
- C. Concern with the President's Council; let's bring concerns to the table about the various VP areas if there are any.
 - a. President Glassman moved Athletics as a direct report to him; the taking of duties away from Dr. Nadler implies he is not fit to run his area.

- i. The general concern is mismanagement of funds- purchasing things like dishes or furniture when the windows need replaced, etc. Provide more oversight to spending.
- b. Accounts that were in the red at the end of last fiscal year- how did they get out of red?
 - i. Was there a legitimate transfer of funds made?
 - ii. How many departments are paying other department expenses?

New Business:

- A. "It's On Us" campaign run by student government would like a representative to bring information back to the Staff Senate-; Peggy Brown agreed to be the liaison.
- B. BOT meeting on Friday the 13th, Staff Senate reports to them and will be sharing the effects that the recent layoffs has caused.
 - a. Trades/ facilities; there is no man power to get the work orders completed. The electricians are behind 300 work orders
 - McAfee & Coleman as well as a few other places on campus are at a standstill simply because there are no funds to work on the projects.
 - b. Senator Brown stated she is now doing the job of 3 people, so what would typically take her a week to do now takes her 2 to 3 weeks to complete.
 - c. Senator Light spoke on the physical side of BSW's they are down 9 from last fall and are receiving complaints. He is not sure of the PARs have been approved to replace some of those positions but anticipates that they will be down 10 to 15 by the end of spring semester.
 - d. Library is down 14 to 15 people and there are not enough people to cover all the desks so areas like Media Service have to cover the desks during certain times. Affects customer service as well because some people are not as invested.
- C. Open the floor for nominations for:
 - a. VP- Joan Daugherty & Melissa Gordon
 - Joan Daugherty was elected by Staff Senate
 - b. Secretary- Peggy Brown
 - Peggy Brown was elected by Staff Senate

Questions for the President:

- A. Rumor that BSW's and Food Service will be outsourced is there any truth to this?
 - a. No- there have been conversations if that would be a cheaper option to go with and currently it is not per VP McCann
- B. Comment for future Open Houses- EIU alumni that come back with their prospective student have a sticker that says they are alum. What about staff that graduated from EIU- this might be nice during Open Houses to show how many people stay with EIU after their education is complete.

- a. Also was suggested to have Chris Dearth come and share his plan on how to increase enrollment.
- C. How many of the 22 faculty who were originally let go but remained for this semester are staying on in spring semester?
 - a. There will be 3 staying on at part time
- D. How many people are retiring in December? Roughly 15 right now-
 - a. Dr. Enyard is leaving at the end of the month.

Exec Board Meeting w/ President Glassman:

- A. House was in session this week and had Higher Education on the agenda.
- B. President Glassman has been in Springfield with other school administration trying to convey the importance of the budget being passed.
- C. President Glassman is working with Chief Due & Chief Baker trying to address issues and working together and being on one accord.
 - a. On campus you will see more officers on foot and bike patrol; they are also encouraged to communicate with people and let their presence be known.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Senator Light and 2nd by Senator Campbell. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan DeRousse, Secretary

Next Meeting December 9, 2015, 7th Street Underground Loft, MLK Union, 1:15 p.m.