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AGENDA
Staff Senate Meeting
September 10, 2007
DP Culp, Forum
2:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Guest Speaker – Dr. Paul E. Stanton, Jr.**
3. **Recognize Outgoing Senators**
4. **Recognize Past Officers**
5. **Pass the Gavel to New President Lisa Blackburn**
6. **Election of New Officers**
 - **President Elect**
 - **Treasurer**
 - **Secretary**
 - **Member-at-Large**
7. **Approval of Minutes – August 13, 2007**
8. **Treasurer’s Report**
9. **Committee Reports**
 - Staff Development and Evaluations
 - Staff Concerns and Grievances
 - Committee on Committees
 - Committee on Elections
 - Thanksgiving Food Committee
 - Picnic Committee
 - Blood Drive Committee
10. **Old Business:**
 - **Proposed Change 2 to Article III Membership, C. Representation**
11. **New Business**
 - **Parking, Traffic, and Security Standing Committee**
 - **Staff Convocation**
12. **Open Floor for New Agenda Items/Concerns**
13. **Adjournment**

MINTUES
Staff Senate Meeting
DP Culp Center, Forum
September 10, 2007
2:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Constance Alexander, Lisa Blackburn, Kim Blevins, Carolyn Bond, Queen Brown, Deanna Bryant, Robert Calkins, Cindy Canter, Sharon Chandler, Renee Couch, Tim Dills, Denise Dunn, Charles Forrester, Joy Fulkerson, Linda Greenwell, Dilawar Grewal, Angela Haire, Linda Lett, Diana McClay, Donna Murphy, Stephanie Nave, Judy Oaks, Debbie Parks, Betty Ann Proffitt, E. Shea Renfro, Sherri Renfro, Wanda Richardson, David Robinson, Sue Russell, Jamie Simmons, Kathy Smith, Debbie Starnes, Karen Sullivan, Scott Vaughn, Carla Warner, John Sanders, and Pam White

ABSENT: Corintha Duncan (excused), Alison Johnson, Terry Nelson, Chuck Patton, Patricia Stafford, and Vanessa Stephens (excused)

The meeting was called to order by President Sullivan at 2:30 p.m., who graciously passed the gavel to the 2007-08 Staff Senate President Lisa Blackburn.

QUEST SPEAKER: President Blackburn welcomed Dr. Paul E. Stanton, Jr., to the meeting. Dr. Stanton and the Senate recognized Past President Sullivan's accomplishments during the past year by presenting her with a plaque of appreciation. Dr. Stanton recognized the efforts of those Senators rotating off the Senate and thanked them for serving on Staff Senate, and he welcomed incoming Senators. He addressed the Senate regarding the state of the university, which included:

- Enrollment is up 700 students compared to this time last year
- Construction of another new dormitory is being planned
- Surrounding areas are being looked at for more parking (high-rise garages)
- New buildings for Math and Science will be added to the list of future construction (next 6-8 years)
- The Gray Fossil site – doing well and to date has been visited by approximately 5,000 visitors
- Financial health of the university - monies are now going back into reserves
- Employees will receive a \$500.00 bonus in November as well as the 3% raise.
- Waiver of out-of-state tuition for eligible students from border counties

- Security issues – the university is looking at installing an alert siren system with voice override for both the general academic campus and the COMVA campus

ELECTION OF 2007-08 STAFF SENATE OFFICERS:

President Elect –Wanda Richardson
 Treasurer - Jamie Simmons
 Secretary – Queen Brown
 Member-at-Large – Linda Greenwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Senator Oaks made the motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2007. Motion seconded by Senator Robinson. The minutes were approved without change.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Senator Bower reported that the Operational account stands at \$3,000, and the Foundation account at \$7,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Staff Development and Evaluation – no report
- Staff Concerns and Grievances – no report
- Committee on Committees – no report
- Committee on Elections – no report
- Thanksgiving Food Committee – no report
- Picnic Committee – no report
- Blood Drive Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Proposed Change 2 to Article III Membership, D. Elections – Senator Richardson presented the following proposal:

In the event that there are no representatives to serve in a particular EEOC category, Staff Senate membership will be maintained by requesting that a non-elected person with the highest vote in other EEOC categories fill the vacant positions until the next election.

President Elect Richardson explained that the individual would serve for one year and would enable Staff Senate to maintain the standard membership (40 representatives). This would allow the opportunity for someone from that particular EEOC category that had no representative, and the opportunity to run the next year.

Discussion followed. As no consensus would be reached, Senator Robinson made the motion that the proposal be tabled until the October meeting for further discussion and consideration. Motion seconded by Senator Alexander. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Parking, Traffic, and Security Standing Committee – Senator Warner reported that the Parking, Traffic, and Security Standing Committee is requesting a member from Staff Senate to fill the vacancy created by a recent resignation from the committee. The committee meets approximately once a month and will serve for a term of three years. Senator Calkins noted that he is interested in serving on the committee. All others interested in serving on the committee, or is aware of someone that would be willing to serve, should notify Senator Warner.
- Staff Convocation - President Blackburn reported that plans for this year's Staff Convocation are well underway. The event is scheduled Tuesday, September 25th at 3:00 pm in the D.P. Culp Ballroom. Refreshments will be served.
- Name Tags – New Senators that need name tags should notify President Blackburn.
- Staff Senate Project Committees – President Blackburn requested that those Senators wishing to serve on the Thanksgiving Food Committee, Picnic Committee, and/or Blood Drive Committee need to sign the sign-up sheet directly following the meeting.

OPEN FLOOR FOR NEW AGENDA ITEMS/CONCERNS:

- Future Agenda Item - Senator Blevins advised that Dr. Steve Bader, Senior Associate Vice President for Student Services Administration, is willing to give a presentation regarding *Disturbed Students* at a future Staff Senate meeting. President Blackburn indicated that she will contact Dr. Bader and ask that he attend the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other issues for discussion, Senator Lett made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Senator Robinson. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela White
Secretary