

**Staff Senate Meeting
June 20, 2007**

Attendees			
	X	Zeke Aguilera	
		Debbie Allen	X
	X	Keshia Askew	
		Kelvin Bee	
		Peggy Bower	X
		Connie Brand	X
		Joyce Bryant	X
	X	Jackie Carlson	X
	X	Steve Collins	
		Candi DeBardelaben	X
		Jared Dinehart	
	X	Joanie Fletcher	
		Sue Garrison	
		Beverly Gentry	
			Marcia Green
			April Harris
			Karla Hubbert
			Tami Lang
			Demetrice Mitchell
			Shirley Myers
			Melanie Newby
			Tammy Paltchikov
			Steve Parker
			Ray Pinner
			Doris Ruddle
			Cil Spina
			Nikki Willis

List Proxies:

Tammy Paltchikov for: Kevin Bee

New Senators present:

Kevin Bennett, Jamie Clay, Claudia Ford, Annie Harris, Barbara Lawson, Renata Limmer, Sheila Ray, Ravi Seth, Karen Smith

The meeting was called to order by Tammy Paltchikov at 11:01 a.m.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes approved.

Pizza and drinks were provided for lunch. Senators present introduced themselves.

Old Business:

Smoking Policy Resolution was introduced by Marcia Green during the February and March Meetings. Marcia held a meeting with the Policies and Procedures Committee in April to prepare the Resolution. The Resolution was submitted to Keshia Askew in May.

The finalized Resolution was read by Tammy Paltchikov and the floor was opened for questions or comments. Barbara Lawson asked who will enforce the policy and how. Tammy deferred the question to Ray Pinner. Ray was not sure and suggested that Tammy submit the questions and concerns to Marcia Green for clarification. Annie Harris noted that there are signs at the door entrances of the Engineering building stating no smoking within 10ft of the building, but the ash trays are 5ft from the door.

Tammy stated she would email a copy of the Resolution to all Senators and the response from Marcia Green.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws: April Harris stated the committee has not met but has suggested changes to bylaws to update in accordance with current standards.

Elections: Shirley Myers updated on the process of elections and that they were pleased with the selections.

Employee Development: Demetrice Mitchell reported on behalf of Cil Spina that the committee reviewed the current development offered by Human Resource and Continuing Education. The committee concluded that any efforts on behalf of the Senate would be a duplicate.

Policies and Procedures: Tammy Paltichikov reported on behalf of Beverly Gentry the efforts to introduce the Smoking Resolution.

New Business:

Tammy provided the following list for nomination of new officers:

Vice President/President Elect – Jamie Clay

Secretary – Claudia Ford, Annie Harris

Treasurer – Melanie Newby and Joanie Fletcher

The floor was opened for additional nominations. None provided. Annie Harris declined the nomination for Secretary and Joanie Fletcher declined the nomination for Treasurer. The vote to elect Jamie Clay, Vice President/President Elect, Claudia Ford, Secretary, and Melanie Newby, Treasurer was a unanimous vote by the Senators.

Announcements:

Tammy thanked the outgoing Senators and especially Keshia for all the hard work during the year.

The 2007-08 Senators were asked to prepare for committees they wish to serve on by the July meeting.

Tammy stated that she would have binders for the incoming Senators and that she would email with the meeting schedule once the UC has been confirmed. April Harris offered the Shelbie King Hall Conference Room as an alternative meeting room.

Ray provided updates that the Board of Trustees met and approved the budget with a 14% increase for the 3rd year. However there are a few cost mandates that must be covered through the increase. He also updated on the construction around campus: the main entrance will be open in a month and told everyone to get familiar with the round-about rules. The Applied Science Building dedication will be held on October 14, 2007. The University Center expansion will open for Fall Semester.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:35 a.m.