

**Staff/Faculty Senate Meeting  
November 19, 2008**

<b>Staff Senate Attendees</b>			
<b>X</b>	Veronica Belser	<b>X</b>	Sheila Ray
<b>X</b>	Kevin Bennett	<b>X</b>	Cheryl Plaza (Interim for Karen Smith)
	Cheryl Bruno		Deborah Rice
<b>X</b>	Jamie Clay	<b>X</b>	Dexter Satcher
<b>X</b>	Claudia Ford	<b>X</b>	Ravi Seth
	Kim Fuller	<b>X</b>	Jacqueline Siniard
<b>X</b>	Jackie Hankins		Lisa Strickland
<b>X</b>	Annie Harris	<b>X</b>	LaTrice Townsend
<b>X</b>	Angelia Heulett		Jan Williamson
<b>X</b>	Kristy Holland	<b>X</b>	Mary Beth Walker
<b>X</b>	David Kyle		President David Williams
	Barbara Lawson		
<b>X</b>	Renata Limmer		
	Jan Perkins		
<b>X</b>	Ray Pinner		

**Proxies:**

Jamie Clay for Jan Perkins, Jan Williamson, Barbara Lawson  
 Claudia Ford for Cheryl Bruno  
 Kevin Bennett for Kim Fuller  
 David Kyle for Lisa Strickland

Jamie Clay called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

Minutes Reviewed and approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Joint Meeting with Faculty Senate:** The combined Faculty/Staff Senate meeting was recognized as a good experience and good idea. A suggestion was made that we meet again jointly before the Faculty/Senate Picnic scheduled in March/April timeframe. Jamie Clay will check with Faculty Senate President, Dr. Rhonda Gaede to see if the Faculty Senate concurs.

**Faculty and Staff Hockey Night:** Sixty tickets were sold to Faculty, Staff, and their families for Friday and Saturday evenings. Thanking the senators for support, Sheila Ray noted that 3,000 were in attendance Friday night and 4,000 on Saturday. There is a possibility that UAH Chargers may change conferences. Attendance is a factor, and therefore very important. It was noted that President Williams, Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn's photograph made the Huntsville Times. Jamie Clay made the suggestion that a Faculty and Staff Hockey Night become an annual event.

**Smoking Policy Update:** Still no update/no definitive. Jamie Clay will email everyone when she gets an update.

**University Benefits Committee:** Ray Pinner announced that the university made the 25% sign up in order to participate in the Short-Term Disability Program. This program will go into effect January 9, 2009.

**Harvest Dinner:** Renata Limmer informed the Staff Senate that the Harvest Dinner was successful and well attended.

**Angel Tree:** Staff Senate agreed to participate again this year in lieu of a Christmas party. Annie Harris, College of Engineering, will take the lead on collecting contributions. Money was collected at the meeting due to fast turnaround time. Dexter Satcher volunteered to shop for the boy, Jackie Siniard and Angela Huelett will shop for the girl.

**Campus Picnic:** Wednesday, May 11, 2009 was selected for the Campus Picnic and cleared with the President's office. Jamie Clay will speak with Cheryl Bruno regarding catering. It was noted that we need to start asking for prizes from vendors as early as March, and a decision be made whether or not to have the picnic remain indoors. Annie Harris reminded us that elections need to be held before that time, perhaps early April.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**October Career Fair:** Joanie Fletcher, Career Services, gave an update. The October 22 event was well attended with the UC Exhibit Hall filled to capacity. This function is always well received in this community. Joanie spoke with Kent Studer (University Advancement) and it was announced that March 11 and 12 is reserved for the Spring Career Fair. There has been discussion about moving the Career Fair to Spragins Hall. One of the downsides was that graduating students did not have the opportunity to meet for interviews. It was concluded that there is a possibility of including the interviews at the Spring Career Fair.

**Intermodal Parking Facility:** Ray Pinner stated that the parking garage is now open.

**Renovations:** The Wilson Hall renovation has been approved at \$11M. The contractor should begin by end of the year (2008).

**New Resident's Hall:** First approval is complete. Plans for completion – Fall 2010.

**Pie Throwing Fund Raiser :** On November 20 at 4:00pm a United Way Fund raiser will be held in UC Exhibit Hall. Pies are being donated by Publix. Faculty and Staff should turn in donations to Patti Sparkman, Office of the President before 4:00pm tomorrow, students can donate at the event.

**Club H:** Everyone is invited to Club H tomorrow evening, November 20, from 5:00 – 7:00pm in the UC Bookstore.

**Election:** Jamie Clay turned in the names to the Provost's office of the two new members to serve on the University Benefits Committee. Kevin Bennett and Jan Williamson will be serve a three-year appointment.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**None**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

David Kyle announced that Just Move It for Spring is in the works. A suggestion was made that the Staff Senate have a team represented for the ten-week program. David stated that the website is being finalized. David volunteered to serve as team leader and he will email members of the senate regarding joining the team and choosing a name for the team. Lunchtime seminars (e.g. Bicycle Safety) will begin in the near future in the Fitness Center.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.**