

STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2010

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order at 10:02 on January 25, 2010 in Wesleyan Hall Conference Room by Jennifer Smith.

Present:

Present Members were: Jennifer Smith, Kari-Kay Harp, Chris Horn, Pam Trimble, Ethan Humphres, Sara Huntley, Kevin Jacques, Chuck Fadell, George Sherrill, Pam Osborn, Steve Burnett, Jim Eubanks, and James Burton. We had one guest present, Mr. Randy Horn.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as corrected. Correction Noted: In the first section, Opening, the following sentence was corrected: "The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order at 10:00 on December 7, 2009 in the Wesleyan Hall Conference Room by Jennifer Smith."

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

III. Staff Senate President's Report

The Board of Trustees announced at their meeting that Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance coverage is expected to increase by \$500,000. This is an increase in the cost the University pays due to a proposed raise in our rates. The Annual Presidential Evaluation has been prepared and was good.

The Shared Governance Committee has formed a sub-committee to discuss unpaid parking tickets for employees. They will also be discussing issues regarding grandfathering in currently unpaid tickets and what account the paid ticket money should go to. It is believed that the current ticket money is going into the University general fund. The Administration for the University Police Depare rStaff Senate wa

tomorrow. We will get a recommendation from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and then make a recommendation of our own.

To clear up the matter of Staff Senate passing a policy that affects faculty, it was agreed that a timeline of memos that occurred as a result of the Commencement Policy be included in the Staff Senate minutes for January. Please see the attached document for this timeline.

Since no formal presidential search process has been in place at UNA, the Board of Trustees has now formalized that process to meet future needs. KPC Group was retained last year to work on changes to the Master Plan, such as augmenting buildings, etc. This group may ask us for feedback in the future.

IV. Shared Governance Committee Reports

None.

V. Old Business

Email Policy: A memo was emailed to the Information Technology Advisory Committee. Sara stated that she asked Mr. Horn and he told her that the ITAC voted and accepted use of a Facebook group as a means for campus classified announcements. The UNA Faculty/Staff email address will not be deleted at this time.

SRC Membership: Jim stated that he and Mr. Shields are developing language for this policy to take to the Board of Trustees meeting in March.

Staff Recognition: - We decided to take the parking space out of the recommendation and to add a statement that Staff Recognition be built into the budget for next year. Jennifer will draft a memo and send to all members before sending to the appropriate location.

VI. New Business

Mr. Randy Horn came to this meeting to discuss some issues with Staff Senate. Mr. Horn presented the Staff Senate with a proposal to discuss. Mr. Horn made a recommendation to the ITAC to update the University Computer Use Policy. Mr. Horn stated that they are looking to follow the State of Alabama's set of general guidelines but that the state guidelines are broad. UNA has had little progress in changing our policies. The latest policy is from 1996. He also stated that there is a new climate in our Senior Administration and that they are open to further defining our policies. The question is: where to start? The first step is to decide if we will use state guidelines, industry standards, or minimum standards. Mr. Horn's assumption is that the State of Alabama has policies that maintain the minimum best practices. We can use them as a baseline for ours. There will be some instances where we will be unable to meet the minimum standards and some cases where we will choose not to meet the minimum standards.

Kevin stated that the ultimate concern of employees is that we will have no admin rights to install programs on our computers. Mr. Horn answered by stating that the issue is far bigger than just this one change. Mr. Horn also stated that giving employees user rights only has absolutely nothing to do with using the State of Alabama policies as a baseline. The issue of user rights vs. admin rights will have to be discussed at a later date after the policies have been overhauled. There are pros and cons to this

