



STAFF SENATE/SHARED GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2009

1:30 PM

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
CONFERENCE ROOM , LIBRARY #632

CHAIR	Susan Duggins
ATTENDEES	Dr. Jim Cofer, Susan Duggins, Brenda Allen, Lillian Brown, Allison Bryant, Camile Currier, Tasha Fisher, Dave Nicklas, Chris Ringo, Pamela Saulsberry, Cori Scroggins and Lindsey Wilkerson.
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	None

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION	<p>The initial meeting of the Staff Senate was held on March 11, 2009 in library 632. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Susan Duggins, chair. Susan welcomed the membership and introductions were made.</p> <p>President Cofer addressed the group, presenting the formal charge of developing a constitution & bylaws, membership, responsibilities and operational details associated with the new staff senate. He indicated that he has appointed Susan Duggins as chair of the initial Senate. A timeframe of late August/early September was established for the group to develop a fully functioning staff senate model.</p> <p>Susan Duggins provided handouts and a brief overview of the historical work of the Shared Governance initiative to date. She asked that senate members read this material prior to the next meeting. Additionally, Susan asked the membership to review web sites of other institutions to gain a broader understanding of the differing models used by other institutions.</p> <p>Dave Nicklas indicated an announcement will be forthcoming this Friday, March 13th from the Governor regarding his proposed budget for next fiscal year. This will provide additional information on the budget cuts impacting higher education. Dave will brief the senate at the next meeting.</p> <p>Susan shared immediate needs facing the group, such as the creation of a web page to communicate with staff and the larger campus community. Lindsey Wilkerson volunteered to build a web site. The senate authorized Susan to draft language in opposition of HB 27 and a resolution to the Governor and State Legislature in response to the proposed budget cuts to higher education. The senate asked that these be provided to them via email for formal endorsement.</p> <p>Susan suggested the senate consider a biweekly meeting schedule, beginning Monday, March 23rd. Members were supportive and a regular meeting time of 1:30-2:30 was agreed upon. Susan will send the dates and a confirmation of the meeting location.</p>
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Next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2009 @ 1:30 PM, Administrative Conference Room, Library #622.

DISCUSSION	
CONCLUSIONS	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Staff Senate Resolution for House Bill 27 (Gun Bill)	Susan Duggins	March 23, 2009