

**East Carolina University
2009-10 Staff Senate
Minutes August 19, 2009
Willis Building Auditorium
3:30 – 5:00 pm**

Attendance:

Present: Derek Abbott, Cornell Allen, Megan Ayers, Lee Brown, Lisa Brown, John Chinn, Harold Coleman, Johnnie Eastwood, Dawn Gibbs, Lisa Graepel, Jenny Gregory, Andie Harrelle, Yolonda Hill, Mimosa Hines, Phil Hulsey, Karen James, Vicki Johnson, Del Kingsland, Mamie McCray, Debra Mercer, Jean Merenda, Duywuna Millner, Jeremy Morris, Brian Paris, Gloria Potter, Christa Radford, Kelly Rogers, Mike Rowe, Jennifer Tanner, Teresa Tripp, Michael Tucker, Mattie Wallace, Kim Wilson, Ken Yarnell

Absent: Marlene Anderson, Michael Corso, Tim Daughtry, Debbie Edwards, Andre Franklin, Gloria Harrell, Scott Lane, Claudia Peaden, Joyce Platt, Towanna Rouse, Mary Susan Williams, Jennifer Yandle

Ex-Officio Officers: Present: Robyn Galloway, Karen Summerlin

I. Call to Order

Senator Johnnie Eastwood welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was performed by Senator Christa Radford.

III. Approval of Minutes

Senator Christa Radford reported that a copy of the minutes from the July 16, 2009 meeting was distributed via ECU Official Staff and Staff Senators. The minutes of July 16, 2009 were approved as written.

IV. Executive Committee Comments

- A. Comments from Chair – Senator Eastwood reminded the senators that the success of the senate depends on the participation of all senators. He encouraged all senators to speak out and be heard. If senators have a discussion item, they should provide this information to Senator Eastwood in advance so that it can be added to the agenda to ensure that adequate discussion time is available
- B. Comments from Chair-Elect – Senator Hulsey thanked the Staff Senate Committees for all the work that they do. He also requested that each committee send him a copy of their goals as well as meeting dates.

- C. Comments from the Treasurer – Senator Graepel reported that the Staff Senate Account has a total of \$2,906.00; \$2,500.00 in the State Account and \$406.00 in the Chancellor’s Discretionary Account. Senator Graepel also asked that all senators who do not have a Staff Senate shirt contact her.

V. Committee Reports – See individual committee reports attached

VI. Ad-Hoc Committee Report

Senator Dawn Gibbs presented two proposed By-Law changes which were provided as attachments to the August 19, 2009 Agenda. The first proposed change was to make the By-Laws Committee a Standing Committee within the Staff Senate. This motion passed by a majority with one senator in opposition.

The second proposed change was regarding adding a Parliamentarian to serve as a reference for parliamentary procedure during various Staff Senate meetings. There was extended discussion on this item including whether this position should really be a “non-voting” member of the senate and how to select the individual for this position. This item was tabled and will go back to the By-Laws Committee for further revision prior to being presented to the senate again.

VII. Special Orders of the Day

- A. A Resolution of Appreciation was passed unanimously to recognize and thank Kimberly Wilson for her work regarding the Lowest Paid Staff Initiative.
- B. University Budget Report - Anne Jenkins, Associate Vice Chancellor for Financial Services spoke to the Staff Senate about the recently passed State Budget. She stated that emergency budget restrictions are no longer in place. The Revised Budget Management Guidelines will be distributed to the campus community by Kevin R. Seitz, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance soon. Overall, ECU did a good job preparing for these cuts and at the present time, we are not facing RIFs related to the budget crisis. The university will set aside funds to hopefully cover any additional non-recurring cuts that the state may implement later in the year.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Next Staff Senate meeting will be on September 17, 2009 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm, Willis Building Auditorium.
- B. A UNC Staff Assembly meeting is scheduled for 9:30am – 12:30pm, August 28, 2009. This is a video conference. Our meeting site is 1426 Joyner Library.

IX. Adjournment at 5:02 p.m.