

**UK STAFF SENATE
September 11, 2008
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
W. T. Young Library Auditorium
MINUTES - DRAFT**

- I. **Call to Order** — Vice Chair Chuck Miday called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **September 11 Memorial** – A moment of silence was observed to remember the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.
- IV. **Roll Call** — Present – 52; Excused – 11; Absent – 16; Resigned - 1
- V. **Approval of August Minutes** — *Minutes from the August meeting were approved, as distributed.*
- VI. **Announcement**

Work-Life – Dr. Robynn Pease

“Generations at Work” is the theme of this year’s Work-Life Month. The kickoff is on Oct. 1. Details may be found on the website at <http://www.uky.edu/HR/WorkLife/workandfamilymonth2008.htm>.

VII. Discussion / Action Items

A. Ethics Committee Response – PR Chair Jen Martin & External Affairs Chair Dave Melanson

Sen. Martin explained the Ethics Committee’s response. A summary of the opinion issued to the Staff Senate states that “the answer to your inquiry completely depends on the exact facts. It is highly unlikely that a member of the Staff Senate could submit a letter or commentary, noting the member’s role as a Staff Senator, to the H-L without being in violation of the applicable Governing Regulation.” Sen. Melanson followed up with outlining the process of contacting elected officials.

In light of the Ethics Committee’s response on publishing opinions from UK staff, the PR Committee presented the following motion for consideration:

It is our recommendation that any future resolution developed, with the intent to be published in media (i.e.: Herald-Leader) must, first be submitted to the PR committee for review before being brought to the main floor for discussion and/or

approval. We feel this expedites the process of debate and clarification, conserving time in our main Senate Meetings. Motion was seconded.

Discussion took place, but no vote was taken.

B. University Committee Representation - Vice Chair Miday

Vice Chair Miday requested volunteers for serving on three committees that need Senate representation. The following senators self-nominated for respective committees:

President's Commission on Diversity – Andrea Strassburg, Mari Marsh

Administrative Regulation Review – Mike Adams, Kenny Blair

Shared Leave – Kurt Buterbaugh, Denny Haynes

C. K Week – Vice Chair Miday

The Vice Chair thanked senators who participated in K Week and showed photos of them in action at hot dog stands during move-in, We Are UK, and For Unity and Service in Our Neighborhoods (FUSION).

D. Staff Appreciation Day (SAD) Update – Vice Chair and SAD Commission Chair Miday

Vice Chair Miday announced the committee is still soliciting volunteers for the Commission. A sign-up sheet with each committee listed was circulated during the meeting. SAD will be held at the Student Center on Wednesday, May 20. The working groups have formed and already are at work, including PR, Life beyond UK, Facilities, Exhibits, Door Prizes, Entertainment, Volunteering, Transportation, and T-Shirts. The next meeting will be September 18.

E. DanceBlue ArtStamps Fundraiser – Sen. Angela Walton

Art created by children from the Kentucky Children's Hospital and UK Kindercare will be posted to the Staff Senate website next week for those in the campus community to view for purchase of postage stamps or memorabilia. The committee also will announce the fundraiser via various university listservs. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to DanceBlue.

VIII. Presentation

United Way – Mr. Brent Jackson

Mr. Jackson appealed to senators to give to United Way and showed a video with local supporters of United Way, reporting that for 86 years it has been partnering with the central Kentucky community. Eighty-four cents from every dollar goes to agencies.

IX. Officer Reports

A. Secretary – Aimee Nielson

Secretary Nielson moved to approve the resignation of Jeff Goins, and it was seconded

Discussion.

MOTION PASSED.

B. Treasurer – Jann Burks

August expenditures totaled \$1,303.42. Balance: \$22,348.49.

C. Parliamentarian – Glen White

Donations will be made to DanceBlue when senators attend Parliamentarian White's band performances.

Tip of Month: Reconsidering Motions That Have Been Decided

Motions that have been defeated can be reintroduced in later sessions without limit, but not during the same session in which they failed. The idea is that circumstances may change between sessions but usually not during a single session.

HOWEVER

If new information comes to light during the same session in which a motion was defeated, the question can be brought back up for review using the motion to Reconsider.

- The motion to reconsider is a main motion in itself.
- If the original motion was debatable, the motion to reconsider is debatable. If the defeated motion was not debatable, the motion to reconsider is also non-debatable.
- This is only usable during the session in which the motion was defeated.
- The motion must be made by a member who voted on the prevailing side (meaning *against*, if it was defeated).
- It must be seconded but this can be done by any member regardless of vote.
- It needs only a majority vote to pass.

- If it is successful, this puts the original motion back on the floor for debate and another regular vote.
- A motion can also be reconsidered within the session if it passed, but the member who makes the motion to Reconsider must have voted *in favor* of it.

After the session ends, a successful motion can be amended or rescinded at the next meeting using a motion to Rescind or a motion to Amend a motion previously adopted.

- Both are Main Motions. Any member can make them.
- They require only a majority if previous notice is given to the assembly of the intent to take that action.
- If no notice is given, passage requires a 2/3 majority.

X. Standing & University Committee / Subcommittee / Commission Reports

None.

XI. Items from the Floor

HOLIDAY - *Sen. Mike Adams moved to address the idea of having the day off prior to winter break for staff to be considered by President Todd, and it was seconded.*

Discussion.

SEN. ADAMS RESCINDED THE MOTION.

Sen. Megan Cox moved to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to discuss an item from last month's meeting for ten minutes, and it was seconded.

Discussion.

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A QUORUM.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting: October 9, 2008

*Respectfully submitted,
Holly Clark, Aimee Nielson*

October 1, 2008

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