Murray State University Staff Congress
Draft Minutes for April 9, 2008
Curris Center: Mississippi Room
Updated: May 9, 2008

PRESENT: Cathy Bazar, Michael Buckman, Terry Burgess, Michael Busby, Christian Cruce, Marion Hale, Orville Herndon, Lana Jennings, Debbie Plummer, Sheri Riddle, Phil Schooley, and Lisa Willis. Guests: Ashley Hayes, MSU Youth and Non-profit Leadership Program; Becky Watts, Deputy to the President; Gina Winchester, Staff Regent; and Holly Wise, Murray Ledger and Times.

CALL TO ORDER: President Terry Burgess called the meeting to order without a quorum at 1:34 p.m.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL GUESTS:
Becky Watts, Deputy to the President, encouraged everyone to read this week's issue of *Roundabout Murray*. In this issue, Dr. Dunn's column will address the 2008-2009 budget. Everyone is invited to the tuition forum at 2:00 p.m. on April 10, in the Curris Center Barkley Room. Ms. Watts gave an update on the proposed campus shuttle system. The Board of Regents will meet Friday, April 11, to set tuition and fees.

Ashley Hayes, of the MSU Youth and Non-profit Leadership Program, announced that on Saturday, April 19, Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be holding a "Bowl for Kids' Sake" event. Individuals or groups may form bowling teams, sponsor kid's bowling teams, or donate door prizes. The event times are 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No action was taken on the March meeting minutes due to the absence of a quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Marion Hale presented the Treasurer's Report. No action was taken on the Treasurer's Report due to the absence of a quorum.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Executive Committee Report: Becky Watts gave an update on the issue of merging the MSU spring break with that of the Murray and Calloway County school systems.

Personnel Policies/Benefits Committee: Terry Burgess said that he will follow-up on the Interim Title Limitation Policy request and Skills Assessment update request.

Credentials and Elections Committee: Committee Chair Orville Herndon reported that the committee is in the process of receiving applications for Staff Congress elections. He read the names of Staff Congress members whose terms will expire at the end of the current fiscal year.

Staff Recognition Committee: Sheri Riddle reported that 12 people were nominated for the "Way to Go Award" during the quarter which ended on March 31. Lana Jennings drew a name from each category (Executive, General, and Office). Prize winners were Tommy Phillips, Executive Category; Michael Eaves, General Category; and Lolita Holmes, Office Category.

Staff Special Events Committee: Christian Cruce said that rebates are available only for suppers. The next rebate meal is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 4:00-9:00 p.m., at Backyard Burgers. She welcomed suggestions for meal locations.

Communications Committee: Chair Lana Jennings reported that the next Staff Congress newsletter will be published after the Staff Congress elections.

Working Conditions Committee: No report.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES:
Salary and Benefits Equity Research Committee: No report.

Parking and Transportation Group: No report.

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Staff Congress Foundation Book Scholarship Committee: Michael Buckman reported that he and Kim Griffo met with Marion Jones, the first Staff Regent, regarding the use of funds that had been donated in her name. She approved the release of those funds to the scholarship fund. At the May Staff Congress meeting, the committee will have a signed, written draft of the scholarship which is scheduled to be awarded in the fall 2008 semester.

Staff Excellence Award Changes Committee: Debbie Plummer reported that the committee made the final changes to the Staff Excellence Award nomination form. The forms have been mailed and will also be available on the Staff Congress web page.

Staff Congress Bylaws Review Committee: Chair Orville Herndon distributed copies of and elaborated on the proposed revisions to the Staff Congress Bylaws. The revisions will be presented at the May Staff Congress meeting. A vote will be taken on the proposed changes at the June Staff Congress meeting. A discussion was initiated by Orville on possible revisions to be made to the Staff Regent Election process.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES:

Faculty and Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee: Terry Burgess said the committee will meet Friday, April 11.

Intercollegiate Athletic Council: Michael Busby reported that the committee met regarding exit interviews for student athletes. An Athletics Interview Subcommittee has been formed. Approximately 44 athletes are ready to have exit interviews. Volunteers are needed to assist the subcommittee. Volunteers do not need to be employees in the Athletics Department. Interested persons may contact Corky Broughton. The next regular meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Council is scheduled for Monday, April 14.

Naming Campus Facilities Committee: No report.

Judicial Board: No report.

Sick Leave Appeals Committee: No report.

Staff Regent Report: Staff Regent Gina Winchester reported that the Board of Regents will meet on Friday, April 11, at 8:30 a.m., in the Pogue Library. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 16. A special meeting regarding the budget is tentatively scheduled for May 30. She discussed planning for a Staff Regent forum to be held during the spring semester.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.