Murray State University Staff Congress Draft Minutes for April 17, 2013 304 North Applied Science Building

PRESENT: Cathy Bazar, Terri Benton, Shanna Burgess, Christian Cruce, Tami Dandeneau, Marion Hale, Amber Harris, Orville Herndon, Dana Howard, Laura Lohr-Dziekonski, Ann Matheny, Margie Miller, Jerry O'Bryan, Evan O'Neal, Kerry Pinkston, Chuck Plummer, Debbie Plummer, Sheri Riddle, Tressa Ross, Stephanie Totty, Daniel Williams, Tim Williams, Lisa Willis, Janeen Winters, and John Young.

Guests: Dr. Josh Jacobs, Chief of Staff, Office of the President; and Phil Schooley, Staff Regent.

CALL TO ORDER: Staff Congress President John Young called the meeting to order.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL GUESTS:

<u>Dr. Josh Jacobs, Chief of Staff, Office of the President</u>: Dr. Jacobs reminded everyone that All-Campus Sing will be held this afternoon and will be streamed live. Last year it was viewed by people from over 40 countries. He said the Board of Regents will meet in May to finalize the budget and the handbook updates. He answered questions and gave an update on the Provost search.

Dr. Jacobs said that in the report released today, the Kentucky Attorney General said that the Board of Regents violated the Open Meetings Act. The report includes a statement that the Attorney General does not have authority to void the vote taken by the Board of Regents on Dr. Dunn's contract. The next step is for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to decide if court action will be taken.

Phil Schooley added that at its April 18 meeting, the CPE will make a decision regarding MSU's proposed tuition increase. The Board of Regents will then vote on any tuition increase approved by the CPE.

Staff Regent Report: Staff Regent Phil Schooley said the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for May 10. The Faculty and Staff Leadership Council will meet with Dr. Dunn on May 7 to discuss the budget. Phil provided an update on the request for a pay increase. He said Dr. Renee Fister won the Staff Regent Election. She will complete the remainder of Dr. Jack Rose's term and then begin a full term. The results of the Student Regent Election will be announced at the April 17 All-Campus Sing. Phil thanked Staff Congress President John Young, Staff Congress members, and Faculty Senate President Dr. Kevin Binfield for holding the joint meeting of Staff Congress and Faculty Senate. Phil and John will present the Staff Survey results to the Board of Regents at its May 10 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES: Stephanie Totty said that in the March minutes, the information in the Personnel Policy Benefits paragraph should be under listed under the University-wide Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee report.

In the adjournment paragraph, Dwaine Willoughby made the motion to adjourn, not Daniel Willoughby as listed. Laura Lohr-Dziekonski made a motion to approve the March minutes as corrected. Debbie Plummer seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Debbie Plummer presented the March Treasurer's Report. Orville Herndon made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report as presented. Tim Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: John Young thanked everyone for attending the April 16 forum held by Dr. Dunn. He noted that it was well attended and he thought it went well. John also thanked those who attended the April 2, 2013 joint meeting with Faculty Senate. He said that it has been suggested that Staff Congress and Faculty Senate hold a joint meeting once each year. John reported that the Faculty and Staff Leadership Council met briefly on April 7.

<u>Credentials and Elections Committee</u>: Orville Herndon said Billy R. Russell has resigned from Staff Congress, citing his workload. Orville provided an update on the Staff Congress Election scheduled for the following week. He asked if Staff Congress members would like to be available at the voting stations to provide voting instructions. Congress members agreed they would like to provide such assistance. Laura Lohr-Dziekonski thanked outgoing Staff Congress members, not running for reelection, for serving on Staff Congress.

Staff Recognition Committee: John Young welcomed Dana Howard back from maternity leave. No report.

Staff Special Events Committee: No report.

<u>Communications Committee</u>: Laura Lohr-Dziekonski reported that the Communications Committee has been waiting for campus events to settle before preparing a newsletter. The next newsletter will include the results of the April 2013 Staff Congress Election and a picture of the Staff Congress Marie Jones Textbook Scholarship recipient for the spring 2013 semester.

<u>Working Conditions Committee</u>: Jerry O'Bryan said he has been notified that some portion of the cost of work shoes will be reimbursed. Additional information will follow.

Staff Congress Foundation Book Scholarship Committee: No report.

Personnel Policies and Benefits Committee: No report.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES:

<u>Faculty and Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee</u>: Sheri Riddle reported on the April 12 meeting of the Faculty and Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee. Items discussed by the committee included Sick Leave Bank revisions, childcare, dental wellness, mail order for maintenance prescription drugs, and on-campus Health Services for spouses and dependents age 18 and older. Stephanie Totty added that the Faculty and Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee will probably not meet again until the fall semester unless something needs to be discussed in May.

Intercollegiate Athletic Council: Sheri Riddle said the Intercollegiate Athletic Council will meet the week of April 22.

<u>Naming Campus Facilities Committee</u>: Christian Cruce reported that the Naming Campus Facilities Committee has approved some proposals which will be presented to the Board of Regents for approval at its next meeting. The details cannot be disclosed at this time.

<u>Judicial Board</u>: Stephanie Totty said the Judicial Board will hear a case the week of April 22, the details of which are confidential. She said her one-year appointment to the Judicial Board is about to expire and a new appointment will need to be made.

<u>Sick Leave Appeals Committee</u>: John Young noted that at March 27 Staff Congress meeting, Lana Jennings reported that her term on the Sick Leave Appeals Committee was set to expire in March 2013. She added that if the proposed changes to the Sick Leave Appeals process are approved, the committee structure will change and no replacement will need to be appointed.

International Studies Advisory Committee: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: Orville Herndon made a motion to adjourn. Cathy Bazar seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.