

University of Southern Maine
Professional Staff Senate
Wednesday, June 1, 2005
Glickman Library – Portland Campus

- I. Meeting called to order by Senator Gray at 2:40pm.
Present: Senators Lapping, Menezes, White, Hassler, Granahan, Crumb, Gray, Wood, Day, Audesse, Krieger, LaBelle, Higgins, and Bob Caswell (from the President's Office).
Excused: Senators Marston, Treible, Jarry, Pease, Saucier, and Arey.
Absent: Senators Nickerson and Pufhal. New senators (invited): Kennedy, Moulton, Roy, Theriault, and Volland.
- II. Opening of meeting and welcome to new senators – discussion re Bylaws/rules as it impacts officer nominations/quorums. Plan is to elect chair of Senate at end of today's mtg.
- III. May minutes approved as amended (need to include by-laws change of term limits to three, rather than two).
- IV. President's Office Report – Bob Caswell, Public affairs.
 1. City of Portland / Rezoning initiatives progressing re "overlay zone". Height and setback requirements being considered. Final approval in the fall.
 2. 'University Commons' being worked on. Will present formal plans to City of Portland late '05. Committees are working on a variety of aspects.
 3. \$450 million gap being revisited. UMS may have to submit budget with 5% cut, meaning a \$265,000 - \$2 million cut for USM starting 7/05.
 4. Bond issues will not be settled until budget settled.
 5. Capital Campaign halfway to goal – ending 12/06.
 6. Questions and discussion re naming of buildings, programs, funding, identities. Concerns expressed re donors' personal connections and affinities.
- V. Old Business
Reception Update – Much appreciation given to Senators Krieger and Granahan. Will set up 2006 date ASAP once cmte. is formed. A report of This year's event will be written and submitted.
- VI. New Business
 1. Would like to get Pres. Pattenauade to come to our 7/05 mtg.
 2. Will move July mtg. To 7/13 – many cannot make it 7/6. Senator Gray to locate a room on the Portland campus.
 3. Vice-Chair / Treasurer's Report - budget OK, but the system is a poor one. President's Office to pick up outstanding expenses from the Reception.

4. Co-Sec. Report – Senator LaBelle will be absent 7/05 and 8/05. Will need coverage but plans to stay on as co-sec. for next year.

VII. Committees

Parking – cmte. met, but Senator Gray did not attend.

Employee Dev. Day – Senator Audesse would like a vote 7/05 for \$250 Needed for this end of Oct. event.

Divisional Awards – This award may need to be revamped. Senator Day Offered to chair this cmte. (but will not be a Senator next year). Senator LaBelle plans to remain on this cmte. Senator Pease sent written note that we can give feedback to Donna Soma re new loyalty awards that were given out at the reception. Also she expressed a thank you to Senator Day re the upcoming Student Senate move and the temporary walls that were given to them by her dept.

Emerging Pro. Staff Award – idea that one can be involved in this cmte. even if not a Senator!

Discussion re committees having a process to deliver their reports in the future.

VIII. Senate Reports

1. Classified – Senator Granahan reports that few attended the most recent mtg. There was discussion over their elections and breakfast. Summer enrollment is even; fall is up (enrollment down on all other campuses).
2. Faculty – Senator lapping would like to continue to be our rep. The new leader of this Senate will be Dahlia Bradshaw-Lynn from Muskie. There was a discussion re new general ed. requirements. Also there will be a UMO partnership with the new mechanical engineering degree.

IX. Election of Pro. Staff Chair

Senators Menezes, Granahan, Wood and Krieger were nominated. Each gave a short “campaign speech” re why they were interested in this position, etc. A write-in ballot elected Senator Menezes to be our next Chair.

X. Adjourn – 4:15pm.

Next meeting: Wed., July 13, Portland Campus, Glickman Library Room 423/424. Check out our website for minutes and agenda beforehand!