

STAFF CONGRESS

Northern Kentucky University ■ Highland Heights, Kentucky 41099

STAFF CONGRESS MINUTES

August 7, 2003

University Center Ballroom

Members Present: Denny Allen, Leland Bennett, Mary Berkemeyer, Gina Bray, Jeff Chesnut, Jeff Cox, Sherry Cucchiara, Peggy DeJaco, Gold Easton, Cheryl Edelen, Danielle Greene, Shannon Hatfield, Lakricia Kelly, Rachel LeJeune, Jennifer mason, Jeanne Papania, Kathy Perkins, Rosanne Rawe, Diana Schneider, Marilyn Siry, Glenn Strausbaugh, Don Vasko, Ron Vasko, Maureen Woods, Carole Ziegler

Members Absent: Linda Albert, Dave Bezold, Lois Fox, Gail Goedel, Doug Hardebeck, Jada Marcum, Becky Miller-Thomas, Pat Radank, Royleen Seibert

V.P. Administration & Finance: Ken Ramey; **Liaison:** Martha Malloy; **Staff Regent:** Bev Beck; **Student Government Association Representative:** Scott Miller, absent; **Secretary:** Rita Thomas

Call to Order: President Jeff Chesnut called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Minutes: Marilyn Siry requested a correction to the minutes to reflect that she was present at the July 10 meeting. Motion to accept minutes as written with correction made by Cheryl Edelen, Diane Schneider seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Regent: Bev Beck – no report

Liaison: Martha Malloy

Faculty/Staff picnic set for August 21, 2003 beginning at 5:00 PM to be held on the lower plaza between University Center & BEP. Encouraged all to attend.

Vice President for Administration & Finance: Ken Ramey

1. Presidential Fall Convocation scheduled for August 22, 2003 in Greaves Concert Hall at 9:30 AM. Continental breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 AM.
2. Shuttle from old Thriftway lot is up & running.
3. Went to Frankfort on Friday, August 1, 2003 to present 6 year plan.
4. First priority of University is \$17.7 million renovation of Old Science Building. Basically this will require gutting of building, but we need the approval from legislature.
5. Enrollment is down 4.4% at this point. International Student enrollment is up 31%. We will be having one, possibly two, more Transitions period.

Standing Committees

Benefits: Jennifer Mason & Maureen Woods, Co-chairs

Researching two items:

- 1) Clarification of allowing employees with less than 10 years of service to transfer vacation time to sick time. Current policy only allows employees with 10 years of service to utilize this option.
- 2) Appreciation award benefit for 15 & 20 year employees

Constitution & Bylaws: Lois Fox, Chair – absent

Credentials & Elections: Rosanne Rawe & Glenn Strausbaugh, Co-chairs – no report. Have not met.

Policies: Marilyn Siry & Don Vasko, Co-chairs – no report. Have not met.

Salary & Budget: Leland Bennett – no report. Have not met.

Liaison: Shannon Hatfield, Chair

1. Reviewing merging with Public Relations Ad-Hoc committee
2. Shannon will attend Faculty Senate meetings & will report back to membership.
3. Sherry Cucchiara will attend Student Government Association meeting & will report to back to membership.
4. Next meeting will be August 14 in Steely Library

Ad-Hoc Committees

Health Utilization: Mary Berkemeyer – Meeting on August 14 with Anthem.

Transportation Advisory: Kathy Perkins – no report. Membership asked that Covington Campus concerns be addressed by this committee. Martha reported that retirees who return to work on campus will be paying for a parking permit. After much discussion regarding the issue of part-time faculty not paying for parking, Vice President Ramey will research with Transportation Advisory Committee and report back.

Food Service Advisory: Cheryl Edelen – no report

Human Resources Advisory: Royleen Seibert – absent. Martha reported they will be meeting in the fall.

Mentoring Program: Ron Vasko – no report. Have not met. Wants to meet next Tuesday, August 12. Looking for volunteers to serve on committee.

Scholarship: Don Vasko – Chair. No report

Old Business

Vice President Ken Ramey reported that the Welcome Center will be the only new office open during the holiday schedule in December.

New Business

President Chesnut reported that President Elect Linda Parks has resigned due to new position in Vice President for Administration & Finance office. Need to nominate & elect new President Elect. Floor was opened for nominations: Marilyn Siry nominated Ron Vasko who accepted nomination. No other nominations. Peggy DeJaco made a motion that nominations cease, Jeff Cox seconded. Motion carried. Ron Vasko was elected President Elect by acclamation.

Announcements

Rita Thomas has a team participating in the Bracken County Alzheimer's Walk on September 7 at 3:00 PM in Augusta.

Anyone wanting to donate money to this worthy cause, please see Rita.

Albright Health Center membership is \$84.00 per year; daily charge is \$5.00 per person.

Received a Thank You letter from Amanda Papania for receipt of the W. Michael Baker Staff Congress Tuition Scholarship. Martha reported there will be no Community Care Day due to a miscommunication with United Way.

Staff Congress did not go into closed session.

Motion to adjourn made by Leland Bennett. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy DeJaco, Secretary