

## Minutes of January 7, 1998 meeting

2:30 p.m., Union Room 405 A/B



### **Present:**

Charlene Baker, Cynthia Baskett, Michael Boone, Woodson Boyden, Brenda Brannan, Onice Carter, Mary Chrestman, Buster Clark, Sondra Davis, Mary Harrington, Gene Hartley, Willie Hilliard, Virginia Kesler, Floyd Klepzig, Jonnie Manning, Joe Maples, Traci Mitchell, Donna Patton, Lucienne Savell, Calvin Sellers, Norman Sneed, Steve Stricker, Michael Vanderlip, Lesley Werner

**Excused:** Thelma Curry, Martha Deal, Ellawee Ivy, Conny Parham

**Unexcused:** Julie Andrews, David Blackmarr, Debbie Chinault, David Elmore, Whitman Smith, Doug Stuart

- Jonnie Manning called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed Michael Boone who will complete Ben Flemmons' term. The Council expresses thanks to Ben for all his hard work while serving on the Council.
- Onice Carter reported that the Midnight Exam Break for students was a huge success. Over 600 students were served and thanks were expressed to all those who helped serve.
- Onice mentioned one concern regarding there not being a time set aside for non-traditional students (including staff members) to register. Onice talked with Beckett Howorth who stated that after RSVP and fee payment mail-in began, there were so few persons who had a need of the special hours, that a decision was made to discontinue the special hours. **Reminder:** Priority registration is a hassle-free alternative to the Turner Center.
- Jonnie reported for Conny Parham that the Membership Committee will be meeting very soon since elections are coming up shortly. Members of the committee are Brenda Brannan, Sondra Davis, Thelma Curry, and Mary Harrington.
- The Outstanding Staff Award Committee (Buster Clark, chair) will need to meet shortly also. Members of that committee are Mary Chrestman, Mary Harrington, and Joe Maples.
- Jonnie announced that the Executive Committee will meet next week with Drs. Gloria Kellum and Brian Reithel to begin planning for the Sesquicentennial Staff Appreciation Week. Any staff member who wishes to serve on a committee or volunteer to help with any activity or event during that week or has ideas or suggestions for the week may contact Traci Mitchell at 5503.
- The Executive Committee asked Chancellor Khayat if he had any suggestions regarding Staff Appreciation Week. He responded that he would like to see the faculty, staff, and students come up with a project to make the University a better place to live, work, and learn. Staff who have ideas or suggestions regarding such a project should contact any member of the Executive Committee (Jonnie Manning, Buster Clark, Onice Carter, Traci Mitchell, or Donna Patton).
- Mary Harrington expressed thanks to Traci Mitchell for arranging for the banners which were put up before Thanksgiving and again before Christmas wishing the students a happy holiday. This was one of the initiatives which came from the Student Recruitment Committee. Our appreciation goes to the Sesquicentennial Office for their financial assistance in paying for the banners.

Mary Harrington mentioned a pilot project of the Commission on the Status of Women which involves mentoring of women on campus to provide training and experience to other women in establishing career paths. An example is that one person is taking word processing and computer courses and is working in an office to get some practical skills to put the training to use. She is released from her job for 5 hours per week to work with the mentor and is expected to put in 5 hours of her own time utilizing the skills attained. If you are interested in this pilot project or have questions, please contact Mary Harrington or any other member of the Commission. It was suggested that Mary meet with the Staff Development Committee to discuss this as part of that program. Lucienne Savell agreed to pass this information along to Mike Stewart, Chair of the Staff Development Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. **The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 1998, 2:30 p.m., Union 405 A&B.**

/s/Donna Patton, Secretary

/s/Onice Carter, President-Elect

/s/Jonnie Manning, President