The Staff Senate met Thursday, September 11, 2008, in CSC Cheyenne Meeting Room. Members in attendance were Barbara Merkle, Pam Morgan, Treva Clifton, Chris Gore, Linda Knox, Chris Stovall, Lori Case, Sharon Johnson, Joe Mrugalski, Dottie Westbrook, Marcus Hill, Mike Deming, Douglas Collins, Ernest Cooper, Francis Miller and Danny Lopez. Dianne Weakley presided over this first meeting of the Staff Senate.

Introduction of Members

Each member of the senate introduced him/herself indicating what department they were from.

Discussion of term limits

Dianne Weakley discussed term limits 2 years of appointment to the senate. Each member was chosen for 1 or 2 year terms based on a random appointment within each EEO category. Each senator will serve 2 year terms. The terms will be staggered so that no less half of the terms will expire each year.

Discussion of purpose, constitution and policy

Dianne Weakley guided the group through the purpose, constitution and policy for the senate. This can be viewed under 2.393 Staff Senate pages of the MSU Policies and Procedures Manual.

Discussion of meetings and procedures

Dianne Weakley discussed meetings and procedures of the senate. She explained that the senate must meet at least six times in the fiscal year. However, the senate can meet monthly if deemed necessary.

Discussion of election process and website

Dianne Weakley discusses the election of current and future senators. Nominations for the senate will be held in March and if necessary, a run off election will take place after. The senators were given the website on the MSU website. Discussion was made that someone within the senate would update this site with membership information, events, etc.

Election of executive committee

The senate voted on the election of executive committee members consisting of chairperson, Vice chairperson, secretary/treasurer and parliamentarian. Chris Gore was
voted as chairperson, Barbara Merkle as vice chairperson, Dottie Westbrook as secretary/treasurer and Lori Case as parliamentarian.

**Other**

Because this was not an official meeting of the staff senate, only unofficial discussion took place.

- Ernest Cooper volunteered taking the group’s picture at our next meeting.
- As of the meeting, no budget was allotted for the senate. One of the executive members will have to follow appropriate channels for budget requisition. Uses of the budget money as discussed by members could be staff scholarships. Also, a sock drive or bake sale were suggestions for charity contributions.
- Brief discussion took place about possible future attendance of faculty senate, enrollment management council, etc. A representative will serve on the administrative council (as described in the staff senate constitution).