The Staff Senate met Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in CSC Caddo Meeting Room. Members in attendance were Chris Gore, Barbara Merkle, Pam Morgan, Mike Deming, Treva Clifton, Lori Case, Marcus Hill, and Doug Collins. Members absent were Dottie Westbrook, Linda Knox, Sharon Johnson, Daniel Lopez, Chris Stoval, Frances Miller, and Ernest Cooper. David Spencer also attended the meeting. Chris Gore presided over the meeting.

Approval of minutes
Barbara Merkle moved to approve the minutes from 11/18/08 with one change noted. Motion was seconded by Marcus Hill. Minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Administrative Council – (Chris Gore) no report, the council had not met.

Academic Council – (Barb Merkle) Reported on the proposed changes in the catalog concerning the procedures of the College of Health Sciences and Human Services Code of Professional Conduct Student Appeals Committee.

Faculty Senate – (Pam Morgan) Reported on student evaluations of professors on-line including the Pick-A-Prof web-site.

Student Affairs Council – Per Barbara Merkle, Dr Farrell has announced that the Dillard Mustangs will be here soon. Discussion also included the fee schedules for alumni at the new Wellness Center. Buildings will be named soon and an employee fitness program will be announced by Dr. Greenwood after the Wellness Center is opened.

Enrollment Management Council – (Treva Clifton) no report, council had not met.

Board of Regents – (Chris Gore) no report, the BOR had not met yet.

Staff Senate Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Discussed that Dr. Rogers had requested input from Senate members and their constituents concerning a possible “no smoking campus”. During our discussion questions were raised concerning possible designated smoking areas and if there was a policy stating that smoking was allowed 20 feet from buildings. Some concerns were discussed. Mr. Gore also stated that he had been asked to do a presentation for the custodial staff and that it went really well. During this meeting it was learned that a number of employees on campus did not have computer access. The Staff Senate was asked to come up with some ideas that might help solve this problem.
Long Range Planning Committee – no report

Communications Committee – no report

Membership Committee – no report

By-laws Committee – A rough draft copy of the new By-laws was distributed. Those who were unable to attend the meeting will be sent a copy by e-mail or in person. It was discussed that at our next meeting we would like some input on some of the sub-committee responsibilities.

Scholarship Committee – no report

Old Business
Ad Hoc Committee – Emeritus Status – Barb Merkle reported that this may be discussed at the next Board of Regents meeting.
Ad Hoc Committee – 4 day work week – no report at this time – need more research
List of constituents by EEO class – A list was provided to each Senate member.

New Business
Benefits compilation – will be discussed at a later time
Preparation of upcoming elections – Elections will be held in April. Lori Case will research if an employee must be employed a year at the time of election or at the time of appointment.

Round Robin
Mike Deming asked our opinion on the new pink evaluation tags.

Doug Collins – no report

Treva Clifton reported that the next Artist Lecture series program would be February 23, 2009. Soledad O’Brien will be the guest speaker.

Lori Case reported that purchasing is working on the Wellness Center orders and changes in delivery dates.

David Spencer – no report

Marcus Hill stated that Banner is up and going strong. The Library is up on a new software system and they are working on re-doing the web page.

Chris Gore – no report
Barbara Merkle asked how the Senate members would feel about conducting our meetings in the morning instead of the afternoon. All in attendance were in agreement.

Pam Morgan reported on the partnership between the Dillard College of Business and Continuing Education on the Development of Professional and Executive Education program.

The next Staff Senate meeting was set for February 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mike Deming and seconded by Marcus Hill.

Submitted by Lori Case