



STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES **October 30, 2007**

Council members present: Nancy Bunton, Varvara Burden, Frank deHesselle, Joyce Genat, Clifton Johnson, Phyllis Jones, Mary Power, Gabe Sauvie, Caroline Schmitz

Staff present: Elisha Ables, Bruce Annett, Ali Barnard, Tamara Botzen, Nicole Deaver, Reka Dobbins, Bill Drummond, Yi Feng, Dorrie Frontera, Kathy Gilman, Marilyn Hotaling, Sallie Ilg, Lee Kesh, Aleta Mack, Joyce McKissen, Eula Muckleroy, Paula Nranian, Cathy Phillips, Marquita Poinsetta, Brian Raymond, Gayle Schaeff, Janail Silver, Elizabeth Simmons, Beth St. Thomas, Martha Thompson, Linda Wareck, Gretchen Weiner

Departments present: Advancement, Architecture, Arts & Sciences Dean, Humanities, Math, Natural Sciences, Engineering Dean, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Facilities, Library, LTU Online, Management, President, Student Affairs Dean, Enrollment Services, Registrar, VITRC

✚ Welcome Greetings/Featured Presentation

Gabe Sauvie introduced Bruce Annett of University Advancement to the staff. Bruce gave an extensive presentation on the history of LTU and its founders, covering the period of time since LTU was established in 1932 and ending in 1964, the year when George Lawrence stepped down as President. Staff unanimously requested a second presentation to be scheduled in Spring 2008 semester, to cover the period from 1964 until present time.

✚ Approval of Minutes

The staff unanimously approved the minutes from the meeting on September 25, 2007.

✚ Updates on Committees

Staff Recognition Committee

Linda Ridella had to step down as the Committee's chair. Janail Silver will be replacing her. In the mean time, the committee will assemble in November to pick Staff Member of the Month for the months of September and October.

Community Outreach Committee

The committee will once again sponsor the **Giving Tree Event** with the Southfield Goodfellows. Gift tags will be placed on the Giving Tree that will be located in the atrium of the Buell Management building starting on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. If you need to drop off your gift early, you can contact Martha Thompson at extension 2518 or Varvara Burden at extension 2000 for locations. Gifts can be dropped off at the Giving Tree gathering on **Friday, December 7** between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. There will be hot chocolate and cookies to celebrate the holiday spirit.

The committee will be sponsoring a **Coat and Blanket Drive** this fall for the Cass Community Shelter. We ask that you wash your items first. Blankets can be also purchased at most stores for \$5 around this time of year. We would like to collect all items by Tuesday, November 27, 2007, so that they can be distributed. Staff can drop off their items with any committee member: Ali Barnard, Tammy Botzen, Nancy Bunton, Varvara Burden, Reka Dobbins, Dorrie Frontera, Beth Gierada, Deb Kollenberg, Celia LaPinta, Leslie Michalik, and Martha Thompson.

Health and Wellness Committee

Staff members were reminded that the Field House was holding a free membership trial during this week, October 29-November 2. Come check out our state-of-the-art facilities and sign up for a yearly membership!