Meeting Minutes September 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Staff Senate was called to order at 10:01 on September 14, 2009 in Wesleyan Hall Conference Room by Jennifer Smith.

Present Members were: Jennifer Smith, Kari-Kay Harp, Chris Horn, Pam Trimble, Kevin Jacques, Brad Peeden, Joan Smith, Debbie Thornton as proxy for Pam Osborn, Steve Burnett, George Sherrill, Chuck Fadell, Jim Eubanks, Sara Huntley, and Ethan Humphres.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Item four was staff recognition. President Cale supports the ideas we proposed for staff recognition. Discussion was made about maybe having a staff employee of the month or quarter. All agreed that a quarterly recognition would be easier to obtain. The President also supported the idea of a sign for parking for the employee of the quarter.

Item five was late registration for employees. Staff Senate will draft a recommendation and President Cale will take to the Executive Council. He believes that the Faculty Senate will not be on board with removing the late registration requirement for employee tuition remission.

Item six discussed regarded the Graduate Assistant Policy & Remission. The President's thoughts regarding this policy is that you are either here to work or here for school. He supports the policy as is.

Item seven was the commencement policy. President does not like the current commencement policy that we have. He took the issue to the Executive Council who has forwarded the issue to the Academic Affairs