Staff Senate Minutes
April 4, 2003

I. **Call to Order:** – Alan Selser called the meeting to order @ 8:00am.
In attendance were: Linda Beall, Maggie Cohea, Jackie Eberts, Michael Elliott, Joey Faulkner, Dave Gutoskey, Jonathon Isett, Judy Lowe, Bob Maddux, Jeannette Schadler, Alan Selser, Brenda Stanley, Judy Twilley and Estella Young. **Absent:** Marvin Ames, Lisa Hutson, Kathy Pusey and Iva Riggin.

II. **Minutes** – March 7th minutes were read. The minutes were approved and seconded.

III. **Chair’s Report** –
A. Alan Selser reminded everyone about the May 2nd meeting with the President. Scheduling could not be done for an earlier time. At the Forum the President indicated that the Senates would be charged with collecting furlough information. No additional information has been received at this time. The President acknowledged our letter at the forum meeting.
B. Judy Lowe updated the Executive committee on the latest news from CUSS including continued discussions on budget cuts and eligible participation in CUSS.
C. Brenda Stanley gave an update on the activities of the University Forum, including the interaction between the executive committee and the forum groups. Last meeting of the year will be May 6th.

IV. **Old Business** –
A. Open Meetings on By-Law Changes - Need to be scheduled possibly for April 15th, 21st and/or 25th. Expect to have one discussion only meeting and then two discussion/reading meetings so that a vote can be taken in May. Wide staff participation is needed and encouraged. Some potential points for consideration are already on the web-site.
B. **Strategic Planning Team** - Creation of the Goals is proceeding and the group is meeting every Tuesday morning. In June a larger group will be assembled to prioritize objectives under the goals. Anticipate campus-wide discussion in September and October.
V. New Business
   A. Faculty/Staff Hour – There is a discussion group being formed by Dr Williamson to address the issues over use of the Nautilus Room. The President of the Staff Senate asked Dave Gutoskey and Carl Dise (an active user of the facility) to represent staff concerns.

   B. Staff Morale – What ideas can we (the staff) come up with to raise morale. At a meeting with Dr. Zinner, Brenda Stanley and Alan Selser, the possibility of limited number of staff having a snack/meal with the President was put forth. The Staff Senate would be responsible for seeking participation and determining who attends.

   C. Ideas Brainstorming – Each Senator needs to actively seek ideas from the staff on ways to contain costs. The Senate should be a more active partner in the decision making process. If we put information forward, it should be substantiated.

   D. Elections – Michael Elliott has prepared the nomination forms for Exempt and Contingent nominations. There are no vacant non-exempt seats up for election.

VI. Other Business – Next scheduled for May 2\textsuperscript{nd} 8am-10am

Meeting was adjourned.