

Staff Senate Meeting
Minutes
April 19, 2006

Attending: S. Atkins, S. Bancroft, J. Boatwright, J. Blayne Paul, T. Comisky, R. Conjura, A. DeGennaro, L. Gage, D. Gruenberg, J. Hadge, B. Kalinowski, J. Lopez, C. MacLeod, M. Manetas, P. Manetas, M. Manfra, T. Marchetti, J. O'Brien, J. Pageau, G. Perkins, J. Popowski, C. Puglia, N. Scarpati, J. Schweitzer, B. Tellis, J. Vermeychuk

Excused: J. Carter, L. DeMarsico, A. Radonsky, D. Willan, M. Winkel, T. Scheuren, S. Stallings

Swearing in of Staff Senate President – Joe Hadge was sworn in as the new President of The TCNJ Staff Senate.

- I. **Approval of minutes** for March 15, 2006 After a motion by Sharon Bancroft, seconded by Magda Manetas, the minutes of the 3/15/06 Senate meeting were approved.

- II. **Old Business**
 - a. Helen Shaw staff special achievement award nominations are due on Monday, May 15th at 4 P.M. Please encourage colleagues to nominate deserving staff members.
 - b. Ad Hoc Committee of Staff Senate – a signup sheet was circulated; we are hoping that this committee will receive a charge and begin work over the summer.

- III. **New Business**
 - a. Curt Heuring spoke to the Senate regarding the need for rental increases on properties owned by the Trenton State College Corporation. There are two main reasons for the increase: an equity issue since those faculty and staff who live there essentially receive a subsidy because the rents are much below market prices; and, the lower rent scale places a financial burden on the TSC corporation.
The increases will be over several years, beginning with 5% for FY '07. After FY '07, the increases will be at a faster rate to move quickly to market rental rates.
 - b. Upcoming senate elections – look for the ballots to be sent electronically.

- c. Janis Blayne-Paul, Jim Boatwright, Joanne Popowski and Arlene Radonsky participated in the focus group for staff sponsored by the Task Force on Inclusive Selectivity
- c. Beverly Kalinowski and Joe Hadge represented Staff Senate at a special budget presentation at CPP where Dr. Gitenstein outlined the current budget crisis.
- d. Brunell Tellis and Tracey Comisky have agreed to represent the Staff Senate on the Committee for ADA and Accessibility on campus.
- e. David Blake reported on the preliminary report of the Task Force on the Teacher-Scholar Model at TCNJ
- f. A new chair was nominated by Joe Hadge for CPR. After a motion by Diane Gruenberg seconded by Pete Manetas there was a vote on the nomination. Sharon Bancroft was elected to the position of chair of CPR.