

## Report for Staff Senate

Legislative Update- HB1249 that deals with guns on campus has been re-referred back to the house judicial committee. The University administration is still keeping a close eye on it.

Tactical Work Groups-Work groups are currently meeting to look at what we can do as a University to better help our students. They are brainstorming ways we can change or streamline processes to better aid our students. President Jones discussed this initiative in his Henderson Now report that was e-mailed out on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Foundation Scholarship- If you talk with students please remind them to apply for foundation scholarships. The application can now be filled out on-line. The deadline to apply for current students is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Incoming freshmen have until May 1<sup>st</sup>. So far 400 students have applied.

Efficiencies on Campus- Dr. Powell recently addressed the need for the campus community to examine ways we can all be more efficient. This will be an on-going project. Dr. Powell is asking for input in this very preliminary discussion. If anyone on campus has ideas for how the University can be more efficient please e-mail myself or Dr. Powell. He gave several examples including the fact that the University has more than 900 computers on campus. Some faculty and staff have been assigned multiple computers for multiple office locations or a desktop and a laptop. We could be more efficient if every employee was only assigned one computer. For those who travel regularly or have two office locations they could simply use the laptop rather than having a desktop and a laptop computer. Another example given was the amount of money the University currently spends on cell phones and examining if that can be cut down. The third example given was eliminating desktop printers, particularly inkjet printers. When multi-function devices are available in an office area, all other printers could be eliminated, when feasible.

Data Path- Data Path is the company that manages our flex spending and health savings accounts. (TASK was the previous company) There have been several concerns with the managing of our account. Employees are still just getting cards and we are already 2 months into the year. Also, there was a data breach that impacted at least seven employees. The Fringe Benefit committee is currently looking at replacing Data Path with another company.