

Meeting Date: March 2, 2017

**Presiding Officer: Chair Ryan Wilson** 

The Staff Senate held the March session on Thursday, March 2, 2017, in PSU 313. Chair Ryan Wilson called the session to order at 11:00 a.m.

Substitutes: Jimi Sode for Laura Whitmire, JF 4

Absences: Kelly Bridges, JF 1; Lacy John, JF 1; Daniel Edwards, JF 1; Charles Schoneboom, JF2; and Laura Whitmire, JF4.

Guests: None

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Liz LaRoy from Student Conduct—recruitment for university hearing panel for next year, for students who request a hearing.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The February minutes were approved as posted.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Budget Town Hall Meeting
  - i. April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm to 3pm in the PSU Theatre

## CHAIR REPORT - RYAN WILSON

- a. Board of Governors
  - ii. Finance and Facilities Committee
    - 1. Guiding Principle #6: Transparency and including **all** constituents. Asking cost centers receive the emails in mass, and we will be following up.
- b. Executive Board Meeting with President (Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>)
  - iii. Requested Cost Center Communication

- c. Special Session (Feb 16<sup>th</sup>)
  - iv. Recap
- d. Staff Satisfaction Survey
  - v. Workgroup finished the draft
  - vi. Met with HR and OIR—met for a second time with Institutional Research and HR, and it should be distributed by the beginning of April with around 25 questions.
  - vii. Preparing Survey System—using an internal system this year.
- e. Space Committee
  - viii. Representation being considered
  - ix. Asking for anything Staff Senate related that should reside in the new space.

#### CHAIR ELECT REPORT - ROB MOORE

# Reporting on January and February expenses.

# **Operating Account**

Current: 8,324.28

#### **Non-Operating Account**

Current: 209.51

### **Foundation Account**

Current: 7,348.94

### PAST CHAIR REPORT — CHRISTINA BOWLES

Past Chair event went really well with a lot of great stories and history shared, and hope to hold it again in the future.

## Secretary Report – Sandy Johnson

Report on Staff Senate Elections: Nominations for next year's Senate are now being accepted. Nominees should be confirmed and approved by their supervisors. Please email nominees to <a href="mailto:StaffStenate@missouristate.edu">StaffStenate@missouristate.edu</a> and put "Nominations" in the subject line. Voting will take place in May. Also a reminder that this is the first year that the Director of Staff Relations will be an elected office.

Elections for officers are paper ballots.

Nomination from the floor: Rob nominated Senator Lee for the position of chair elect. Senator Lee accepted the nomination.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

Administrative Professionals Forum Committee—Sandy distributed a flyer for the March 9<sup>th</sup> Forum on Procurement/P-Card News and Tips with Isaac Balasundaram.

My Ideas Committee (Will Hader) – reviewing the past submissions and working on responses. Will encouraged the Senate to submit ideas.

Public Affairs Committee (Christina Bowles)—Next meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. Next Adopt-a-Street coming soon.

Scholarship Committee (Priscilla Childress) – Addie Douglas – April 26, 11-1 – Admin Prof lunch in the ballroom. Half of the proceeds go to scholarship fund. Looking for volunteers to help bus tables at the event.

Staff Activities Committee (Laura Whitmire, Adja Jones) —

- 1. MSU vs MU Baseball Game (April 25<sup>th</sup>)—working on the plans with tickets and catering.
- 2. Picnic—June 19<sup>th</sup> at Phelps Grove
- 3. Pineapple Whip—May 26th
- 4. Contact Adja Jones to be on her team for Trivia Night—April 6<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. JQH Arena

Staff Relations Committee (Brian Edmond) — no report.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

Denim Day Committee (Kelly Bridges) —no report.

#### **Staff Senate Representative Reports**

Administrative Budget Committee (Rob Moore -2017) —Met on February  $9^{th}$ , and next meeting on March  $21^{st}$ .

Executive Budget Committee (Ryan Wilson – 2017) —

- 1. Last meeting: February 9th
- 2. Next Meeting: March 21st
- 3. Will share info after the town hall.

Faculty Senate (Christina Bowles – 2017) —Beth Hurst reported earlier in the meeting—President Smart also spoke to the Faculty Senate.

Public Arts Committee (Kelly Bridges – 2017) —no report.

Shared Leave Committee (Will Hader – 2018, Jon Lee -2018, Peggy Jones – 2017) —no report.

Sustainability Commission (Jon Lee – 2017) —

1. \$75,000 added

IT Council (Rob Moore – 2018 term) —

- Last Meeting: February 7<sup>th</sup> update from Learning System Advisory Committee with Julie Masterson...summary of how funds are spent at WP with student tech usage fee...update on addressing covering students across the campuses with multiple wireless devices.
- 2. Next Meeting: March 7<sup>th</sup> (cancelled)

Wyrick Commission – voting soon on the revised proposal that came back.

### **Staff Senate Workgroups**

Staff Satisfaction Survey Workgroup (Ryan Wilson) –Reported during chair report.

Staff Advocacy Workgroup (Will Hader) – Goals and priorities have been set, and formalizing the process and level of support. Meeting again next Thursday and voting on the formalized process in April.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Increasing Discretionary Spending Limit—chair and chair elect serve as the budget authorities. Prices have increased, and raising the cap will let the Senate continue to offer refreshments and tech at the meetings. The Senate discussed.
- x. \$100 -> \$250

Senator Martin made a motion to call the question. The motion passed.

The motion to raise the limit passed.

Absences – from the top of the agenda—we will be sending out a monthly attendance report.

#### **New Business**

Senator Hader introduced a discussion of the chair elect's absences.

Senator Lee made a motion to dismiss the discussion.

The motion passed.

# ADJOURNMENT

Senator Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at noon.

The April session will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 11 a.m. in PSU 313.