



## STAFF SENATE MINUTES

**Meeting Date: August 3, 2023, at 11:06 a.m.**

**Presiding Officer: Chair Laura Derrick**

The Staff Senate held the August Session in Glass Hall, room 486. Chair Derrick called the session to order at 11:06 a.m.

Absences: Peggy Jones JF1, Jon Collier JF2, Leonard Haymans JF2, Amy Daniels JF3, Campbell Keele JF4, Kelly Evans JF4, Nicole Webster JF4, Kelly Schlinder JF4, Phil Bridges JF4.

### GREETINGS

- Chair Derrick welcomed everyone.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- No corrections were noted, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

### GUEST SPEAKERS

- Guest speakers Janeen Michalak presented on the business entrepreneurship lab.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Chair Report
  - Swearing in of Senator Harter.
  - Challenges of academic realignment discussion included renaming of the colleges and student appeals, and online catalogs being up to date.
  - The staff satisfaction survey will be going out in August.
  - Will be coordinating with faculty senate on upcoming agenda items.
  - Enrollment for fall 2023 semester looks positive.
  - There is no executive meeting this month.
- Chair Elect
  - Budget update: only one expense in the new fiscal year. Pineapple whip went well and used over the units that were allotted.

- Past Chair
  - No updates.
- Coordinator of Staff Committees
  - Please sign up for an internal committee this month. The professional development committee could use new members if you are interested.
- Coordinator of Communications
  - Any updates for the newsletter please email Senator Babb. If you are not included in the staff senate reminders, please email Senator Babb as well.
- Secretary
  - No updates.
- Parliamentarian
  - No updates.

## EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Clif's connection: Met with new staff last week.
- Employee Wellness: Ongoing classes are Tai Chi, Yoga, and Fab Fit and Fun. New programs will be on sale starting with the new semester.
- IT Council: Reforming to include more technical areas. Brightspace update and is going well. PAFs will move to all electronic this fall semester. Campus will be moving to Windows 11 for all employees. Banner upgrades this week and internet outages will happen the following Sundays for updates.
- Presidents Council: Discussion included fiscal year accomplishments and moving forward with updates to the PSU and changing campus culture including transportation, accessibility, and social media.
- Inclusion Awareness: Had an event on July 12<sup>th</sup> to introduce staff to inclusion on campus.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Professional Development: Vacancy for committee chair.
- Public Affairs: Last adopt a street was cancelled due to weather, next one will take place in October. Discussion on hosting a public affairs book club with Joe Montana's book "The Winning Spirit". November 11<sup>th</sup> will be serving at Ozarks Food Harvest; more information will be emailed out. Next meeting August 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. via zoom.
- Staff Activities: Pineapple whip went well. Meeting discussion included joining with the Public Affairs committee for joint activities. Meetings are the third Wednesdays of each month in CARR 203.
- Recruitment and Retention: Next meeting August 14 at 3:00 p.m. in CARR 312. Discussion included working on Parental/Maternity leave.

## OLD BUSINESS

- ADP resolution was sent to President and executive Vice President this month. Updates to come at the next executive board meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Telecom has a few members interested in joining Staff Senate but do not get paid to come to meetings.
- Food for the next meeting is budgeted in.

## OPEN FORUM

- Option for zoom meeting for work from home participants. Zoom is available if you are unable to make it but highly encourage participants to come in person.
- Responses to what is liked about MSU question: Positive comments for benefits, negative comments for parking.

## ADJOURNMENT

- August Staff Senate Meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.