



**Meeting Date: September 2020**

**Presiding Officer: Chair Dr. Ryan Reed**

The Staff Senate held the September session on Thursday, September 3, 2020 in the PSU 313 and by Zoom. Chair Dr. Reed called the session to order at 11:03 a.m.

Guests: Dr. Catherine Jolivette, Lesa Anderson, Katrina Chavez and Jared Cates.

Absences: Peggy Jones JF1; Jacob Welch JF2; Gary Wells JF2 and Danny Winkler JF3.

## GREETING

- Chair Dr. Reed welcomed everyone.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- August minutes were approved.

## SWEARING IN

- Past Chair Adja Jones swore in the new executive board.
- Chair Dr. Reed swore in the new staff senators

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Chair Report
  - Chair Dr Reed presented Past Chair Adja Jones with gavel and recognized Katrina Chavez for her service.
  - Chair Dr Reed did roll call for all senators to introduce themselves.
  - Chair Dr Reed shared that [the](#) Staff Senate executive board is having meetings with President Smart every two weeks and with Vice President Matt Morris every two weeks.
- Chair Elect Report
  - Chair Elect Jenay Divin reported that she is looking for alternative ways for staff senate to meet since at this time the parliamentary room is taking up a huge chunk of staff senate's money. If anyone has suggestions feel free to email the staff senate inbox.
- Coordinator of Staff Committees Report
  - Coordinator of Staff Committees Heather Moore welcomed new senators and informed them that they will be receiving an email to sign up for a standing committee. Heather went over all committees and charges and informed us that all committees should meet this month.

## EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Executive budget committee- Chair Dr Reed reported so far, no more with holdings from the Governor so budget looks good for now.
- Shared Leave committee- Chair Dr Reed reported that we did add a West Plains person to this committee. Jared Cates from West Plains gave an overview of what they are doing in West Plains.
- Health Care & Benefits committee- Chair Dr Reed reported that we have two options this year to save the \$30 on our health insurance. We can either get a flu shot or do biometrics again. We should get notification of when we can sign up.
- Faculty Senate-Dr. Jolivette reported that Faculty Senate meets once a month on Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Chair Dr Reed appointed Kathleen Hains as Director of Communications and Will Hader as Parliamentarian.

## OPEN FORUM

- Chair Dr Reed asked to suspend the rules and have open forum.
- Chair Dr Reed reported that the University has a new COVID dashboard.
- Much discussion was had about COVID and the University's plans.
- Chair Dr Reed reminded everyone that the next meeting will be October 1, 2020 in the PSU room 313 and by zoom at 11:00 a.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.