



Meeting Date: November 4th, 2021

Presiding Officer: Chair Kathleen Hains

The Staff Senate held the November Session in Glass Hall, room 486. Chair Kathleen Hains called the session to order at 11:04 am.

Guests: President Clif Smart, Vice President Matt Morris, Denise Loton, Deidre Mings, Lanya Lamouria

Absences: Chair Elect Gary Wells, Coordinator Francka. Senators; Mindi McCoy JF1, Holly Calkins JF 2, Stacey Deal JF 2, Autumn Page JF 2, Jason Smith JF 2, Cody Denson JF 3, Shawn McComb JF 3, Trisha Riggs (Bradley) JF4, Kelly Evans JF 4, Rhonda Lesley JF 4, Sara Zey JF 4.

GREETING

- Chair Kathleen Hains welcomed everyone.

GUEST SPEAKER

- President Smart spoke about the Executive order from the federal government on vaccine mandate and its potential impact on the University. He also discussed the potential expiration of the mask mandate and working with the county, OTC, and others. University hands are tied by the federal mandate.
- Vice-President Matt Morris spoke about open enrollment and new benefits available.
- Deidre Mings spoke about updating your benefits, and new short term disability offerings

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A change was noted in the Minutes; then the Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Chair Report
 - Chair Hains spoke about parking and the transportation advisory committee.
 - Chair Hains spoke about Staff Representatives on University Committees
 - Chair Hains reported on the October Board of Governors.
- Chair-Elect Report
 - Chair Hains gave an update on the budget on behalf of Chair-Elect Wells.
 - Chair Hains reminded on behalf of Chair-Elect Wells about the United Way campaign and Ozark Food Harvest donation and volunteer opportunity.
- Past Chair Report
 - Past Chair Reed no report.
- Coordinator of Staff Committees
 - Coordinator Francka no report provided.
- Secretary Report

- Secretary Hader announced upcoming bylaws workgroup to add the Director of Communications to the Executive Board and revise existing positions. Anyone interested in joining should contact him via email.
- Secretary Hader made a reminder about attendance and to return to Placards

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

Most External Committees have not met yet as the year is just starting. No reports were given for those committees.

- Faculty Senate: Senator Schlinder – gave a report on the Faculty Senate, where a student lead discussion on blackboard use is happening.
- Health Care & Benefits: Chair Hains – spoke about open enrollment.
- IT Council: Senator Hader – Postponed November meeting to December to meet with SGA leadership over Student Technology funding in December.
- Staff Excellence in Service Awards – Senator Bridges encouraged nominations due Friday. Chair Hains and Senator Hader encouraged to Nominate.
- Wyrick Commission: Senator Schlinder – New Wyrick options are under review with the SGA and PD&C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Council for Administrative Professionals Forum—November forum is coming up on November 17th and there will be a presentation on the new Technology Service portal by Kristi Oetting and Web Press conversation by Brian Heath.
- Public Affairs. Cancelled adopt a street due to weather. Volunteering opportunity for Ozark Food Harvest November 13th. Spring book club February 23rd 12 to 1 in conjunction with “Unlikely Allies Conference.” A QR code for Giving Tree is being discussed.
- Staff Activities- Senator Derrick provided information for next Saturday’s Football game. Will be doing Chili Dogs and Hot Cider. Derrick also encouraged fellow Senators to sign up and volunteer at the tailgate. Upcoming Spring ticketed sporting events being planned will be doing a sign-up, so we do not end up with extra tickets.
- Staff Communication Committee – Met the day before, reviewed minutes, newsletter, and areas of improvement for future ones. Talked about the need for more Senator event involvement. Will not meet in December unless something comes up.

OPEN FORUM.

- The Senate moved for an open forum, issues and concerns were brought up and discussed.
- Announcement about Tour of the Globe.
- Announcement about first generation college students, free food.

ADJOURNMENT

- Senator Hader moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Senator Munoz Aliaga. Meeting adjourned at 11:57.