



**Meeting Date: March 7, 2019**

**Presiding Officer: Chair Jon Lee**

The Staff Senate held the January session on Thursday, March 7, 2019, in PSU 313. Chair Jon Lee called the session to order at 11:03 hours.

Guests: Christine McCartney and Daijha Heron, Athletics; Debbie Donnellan, Office of Human Resources.

## REPORTS

- **External Representation:**

- **Executive Budget Committee:** Our budget is under strain: we are taking 650 less students this year than previous, this is mainly due to having extremely large senior classes graduating; this is approximately \$4M less than before. To adjust for that, there are some measures being put in place:
  - We are saving money getting a loan for Brik City versus leasing the property.
  - There might be an increase in tuition of 5.03%.
  - We will receive a \$2M operating fund, just like other universities; this will cover some of the money we are lacking.
  - We're currently at the lowest bottom among the publicly funded universities.
  - If we get money from the State, the first expenditure will be in a cost of living adjustment. We will know if we get any money by the end of May.
- **Faculty Senate:** Session ends in April – Professor Tom Dicke wants to make sure that both Staff and Faculty Senate work together in common issues like the Course Credit Fee Waiver and how can the Staff help with student retention.
- **IT Council:** IT Services Management Portal for User Support tickets will be held for 3 years. There will be a vote for the Student Computer Usage Fee (SCUF).
- **Sustainability:** A possibility for a bike chair solution is being discussed.
- **University Space Allocation Advisory Committee:** PCOB will be vacated, Dean of the Graduate College Julie Masterson wants that space for the Masters' Program.

- **Internal Committees, councils, and workgroups:**

- **Administrative Professionals Forum:** Will be meeting in April.
- **Public Affairs Committee:**
  - The Spring Book Club will meet in April 11<sup>th</sup>, tomorrow we'll get the books.
  - Adopt-a-Street cleanup is Friday after the break.
  - March is Women's month.
- **Scholarship Committee:** We had a bigger turnout than last year: Chief Diversity Officer Wes Pratt, Administrative Services Vice President Matt Morris, and President Clif Smart visited. We learned a lot from this experience, we might switch from pancakes to biscuits and gravy for the next time.
  - Raised \$290 during Breakfast at Bair's.
  - Raised \$77 at the MIS Chili Cookoff.

- **Staff Activities Committee:**
  - 150 basketball tickets were sold, more than we have ever sold before. Next, we will have a baseball game.
  - If there are any ideas, email Senator Galen Martin [GMartin@MissouriState.edu](mailto:GMartin@MissouriState.edu).
  - Pineapple Whip will be \$500 more than previous year.
- **Staff Communications Committee:** The Twitter account is back.
- **Engagement Committee:** Met with Vice President Matt Morris to get more representation for Senate, he is very supportive to have members from all Job Families represented

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Human Resources wants to work with Staff Senate, they will meet on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- We will have speakers from the International Programs visiting for our next meeting.
- Thanks to the Chief of Staff, Ryan DeBoef, Staff Senate will have some money for our budget for this coming year, even if President Clif Smart can't provide it.
- Staff Senate Bill 2018-2019-01 passed in a virtual session: 15 votes were required to pass Proposal 2, the breakdown is as follows:
  - 15 voted Yes
  - 1 voted No
  - 6 abstained
- April 10<sup>th</sup> is Trivia Night: It benefits Isabel's House, doors open at 6PM, there will be a cash prize.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> is Community Day at Isabel's House, it starts at 9AM.
- Non-credit Language for Travelers class starts the week after break.

## OPEN FORUM

- Senator Will Hader is displeased that the goalpost for the Staff Senate Bill 2018-2019-01 was moved from 16 to 15.
- Chair Elect A'dja Jones wants to make sure there is no bad taste for present and future senators because of current personal feuds. We all have goals that we want to work towards to.
- An e-mail will be sent next week regarding upcoming Staff Senate Elections.
- Chair Jon Lee will send out an e-mail personalized to each Job Family for what we can do for them specifically. If there is anything you think is worth mentioning, please let him know.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting at adjourned at 11:33 hours.

The January session will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 11:00 hours in PSU 313.