



Meeting Date: May 2, 2019

Presiding Officer: Chair Jon Lee

The Staff Senate held the May session on Thursday, May 2, 2019, in PSU 313. Chair Jon Lee called the session to order at 11:05 hours.

Guests: Erin Snider, Occupational Therapy; Jeremy Henson, MCHHS; Carisma Wantland, Lisa Cooper, Ron Freeman, and Gary Wells, Facilities Management.

Absences: Rob Moore, Past Chair; Lisa Bonner, JF1; Julie Williams, JF1; Jeremy Wright, JF3; Galen Martin, JF4; Yvania García-Pusateri, JF4; Jimi Sode, JF4; Jessen Miller, JF4.

AMENDING MINUTES

Minutes were amended, Book Club meeting will be held on April 18th.

STAFF SENATE OFFICERS ELECTIONS

Staff Senate Elections are open until April 15th. We have received many nominations, please talk to your coworkers and encourage them to get involved and come to our meetings. Self-nominations are accepted as well. Chair Elect A'dja Jones nominated Jenay Divin as Senator and she accepted.

Nominations for the Executive Board were taken today:

- Chair Elect: Senator Kate Roessler nominated Senator Jimi Sode. Senator Shelly Deckard nominated Jacob Welch.
- Coordinator of Committees: Senator Lisa Bonner nominated Senator Katrina Chavez. Senator Will Hader self-nominated.
- Secretary: Senator Sam Francka nominated Senator Kate Roessler. Senator Will Hader self-nominated.

Feel free to nominate via email at StaffSenate@MissouriState.edu as well.

OPENING THE SESSION

- Brenda Stewart, the new Coordinator of the International Friends Program, came to introduce the program to Senators and encourage them to become host families for the University's international students. Host families can be single people, married couples, with or without kids. Matches are usually 1-2 semesters long. There will be a chance to get a glimpse of what it means to be a host family on June 1st and 2nd, and August 4th, the English Language Institute will be welcoming high school students from Isesaki, Japan for one day. To get involved hosts will need to apply at the International Friends Program on <https://international.missouristate.edu/friends/> and then go to the orientation. Next orientation will be at the end of May or first of June, individual orientations are also available.
- Jenay Divin, the Green Dot Program Coordinator, introduced the program for Violence Prevention. The program offers training for staff and faculty to help identify students that may need help and what they can do for them. Training takes about 30-60 minutes, there is also a 5-hour training for the Bystander Program and scholarships are available. If anyone is interested, contact JenayLamy@MissouriState.edu for more information.

REPORTS

- **External Representation:**
 - **Executive Budget Committee:**
 - The House of Representatives has approved the budget and it is very likely that the Senate will as well. The Governor might issue withholdings, which would affect us. We will know the Senate's response by the beginning of June, and by the Governor by Fall.
 - Even if things don't all go right, there will be no layoffs. But any positions that become available might not get replaced.
 - If everything goes well and there are no withholdings, we're aspiring to adjust salaries for those who need it to reach market level, then increase pay for the Graduate Assistants, then a central funding for Student Workers to reach the minimum wage. Staff would get a 1.9% raise, while coaches from very successful teams will get a 10-15% pay raise.
 - **Faculty Senate:** They have decided that they will only have one representative from the Staff Senate.
 - **IT Council:** Recommendations for Student Computer Usage Fee (SCUF) funding were discussed and voted on. For any questions regarding SCUF contact Chair Elect AdjaJones@MissouriState.edu.
 - **Sustainability:** They are discussing ways that the Campus Garden can be improved, and also bike sharing program options.
- **Internal Committees, councils, and workgroups:**
 - **Public Affairs Committee:** Book Club is 2 weeks from today, don't forget to read the book. Discussing a possible Book Club meeting during Summer.
 - **Staff Excellence:** Revisions have been taken to the Admin Council.
 - **Staff Activities Committee:**
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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 May session will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 11:00 hours in PSU 313.