



Meeting Date: February 4, 2021

Presiding Officer: Chair Dr. Ryan Reed

The Staff Senate held the February session on Thursday, February 4, 2021 in Glass Hall room 353 and by Zoom. Chair Dr. Ryan Reed called the session to order at 11:03 a.m.

Guests: Teri Trickey; Ethan Swingle

Absences: Mindi McCoy JF1; Stacey Deal JF2; Autumn Page JF2; Nancy Underhill JF2 and Jacob Welch JF2.

GREETING

- Chair Dr. Ryan Reed welcomed everyone.

ROLL CALL

- Secretary Deckard called roll.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- January minutes were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER

- Teri Trickey, Director of Catering spoke on catering services and pickup meals.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Chair Report
 - Chair Dr. Ryan Reed reported that Chair Elect Jenay Divin is leaving the University and we are taking nominations for the Chair Elect position. Will Hader was nominated, and he accepted the nomination.
 - Chair Dr. Ryan Reed reported that the SGA rep was announced as open, Senators Hains and Bowles will discuss and potentially serve.
 - Chair Dr. Ryan Reed reported that the Jason Rhea Memorial fund is at \$3725.00.
 - Chair Dr. Ryan Reed reported that second dose for folks already vaccinated starting this next week.
- Chair Elect Report
 - Chair Elect Jenay Divin gave a Budget overview. Currently there is \$1286.47 available.
 - Chair Elect Jenay Divin gave an update on the Staff Satisfaction Survey. There was 50% participation which is up from 35%.
 - Chair Elect Jenay Divin gave a farewell on her departure.

- Past Chair Report
 - Past Chair Jones thanked Jenay Divin for her service.
 - Past Chair Jones gave an update on the Long-Range plan. Will finalize in March and April for May presentation to Board of Governors.
 - Past Chair Jones reported that Staff Emergency Fund wanted to establish a fund to help Staff when emergencies come up. A work group will be established to investigate process.
- Coordinator of Committees Report
 - Senator Moore reported that Committees submitted budget reports for expected rest of year expenditures.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Executive Budget-Dr. Ryan Reed reported that the Governor recommended full restoration of budget.
- West Plains Staff Senate-Douglas Cooley reported that the Grizzley Strong Committee is working on campus signage and that the Grizzley Ambassadors program will launch in May.
- It Council-Senator Hader reported on the new VOIP system. This will in able a simpler phone bill and no long-distance charges. Senator Hader also reported that only 20% of Linked in accounts have been claimed.
- Shared Leave-Senator Breshears reported that they have met and are reviewing cases.
- Health Care and Benefits-Dr. Ryan Reed reported on benefits use and that still looking into dental options.
- Staff appreciation Committee-Senator Silvey reported that free cup of coffee good until the end of the month. They are looking into a Staff Appreciation Picnic in May.
- Staff Excellence in Service Awards-Senator Bridges reported that there are new changes to policy on this award. You must make less than \$90,000 a year. Names of winners were announced last week.
- Faculty Senate-Senator Hader reported that COVID-19 update and GEP update were the topics of January meeting.
- Sustainability Committee-Senator Klem reported that new proposals are upcoming and old proposals that had been on hold during pandemic are back in motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Council for Administrative Professionals Forum-Senator Gayle Anderson reported that they are planning a Zoom event for spring speaker.
- Public Affairs-Senator Bowles reported that the book club will be meeting on February 24. You need to pick up book by the end of the day on February 5. Adopt a Street will be March 26 and Rhonda Lesly hosting “You Can Help a Student” by zoom.
- Staff Activities- Senator Derrick is working with Chartwells for a cookie gram and with the bookstore on PPE. There will be Pineapple Whip in the Summer and they are working on a pancake breakfast again.

- Staff Communications-Senator Hains asked everyone to get in contact with her if you have anything for the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Ryan Reed asked for Chair Elect Nominations. Nomination for Peggy Jones but floated nomination until May.
- Past Chair Jones nominated Senator Hains and she accepted nomination.
- Voting was conducted via Zoom Poll and in room ballots.
- Kathleen Hains won

OPEN FORUM

- Black History Month announcement by Past Chair Jones.
- Next meeting will be March 4th and will be in person and zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.