



Meeting Date: April 2, 2020

Presiding Officer: Chair A'dja Jones

The Staff Senate held the April session on Thursday, April 2, 2020 by Zoom. Chair A'dja Jones called the session to order at 11:00 a.m.

Guests: CJ Collins; Campbell Keele and Josh Allen

Absences: Gayle Anderson JF1; Mindi McCoy JF1; Ronnie Freeman JF2; Brian Henry JF2; Gary Wells JF2; Robert Grant JF3; Danny Winkler JF3; Michael Klem JF4; Christine McCartney JF4 and Trisha Riggs JF4.

GREETING

- Chair Jones welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- March minutes were approved.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Chair Report
 - Chair Jones reported that with the Covid19 virus our lives have changed and it's really tough, but our job is still the same to support our staff.
 - Chair Jones reported that the budget looks bleak but we will see how it plays out.
- Chair Elect Report
 - Senator Sode reported that there is a pause on some of the budget things we've approved. We are still looking at the possibility of a book club done by a virtual meeting.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Senator Chavez reported that at the Faculty Senate meeting both Frank and Clif attended. Faculty was concerned about what was being done for staff and their welfare.
- Student Government-Senator Hains reported that they are meeting online. They will vote for Senior gift next month. Also, they will be voting on the mental health service fee of \$8.

INTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Chair Jones brought to the senate a resolution to move back elections for staff senators and for the executive board. Moved to split the resolution to move back senator nominations for two weeks and keep the elections in May for the Executive board. Resolution passed.

OPEN FORUM

- Past Chair Lee asked CJ Collins how things were going in West Plains. CJ reported that all was working from home. They are currently working out the internet problems and working to keep the spirit up for their staff. CJ also reported that they are training staff to work in three different areas.
- Chair Elect Sode reported that Admissions will be training staff to make phone calls to incoming students.
- Campbell Keele asked if there are any mental health programs available to help through this time. Josh Allen reported to check Human Resources website there will be information posted.
- Chair Jones reported that there was layoffs and furloughs and that it would be helpful if Human Resources could put together some sort of Questions and Answers document. Much discussion held.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:03.