



Meeting Date: April 8, 2021

Presiding Officer: Chair Dr. Ryan Reed

The Staff Senate held the April session on Thursday, April 8, 2021 in Glass Hall room 353 and by Zoom. Chair Dr. Ryan Reed called the session to order at 11:00 a.m.

Guests: Elizabeth Rozell; Joshua Allen; Brad Bodenhausen; Rebekah Stewart; Suzanne Shaw and Shawn Wahl.

Absences: Stacey Deal JF2; Autumn Page JF2; Jacob Welch JF2; Phillip McCart JF3; Rhonda Lesley JF4; Victoria Culver Rice JF4 and Yo Satake JF4.

GREETING

- Chair Dr. Ryan Reed welcomed everyone.

ROLL CALL

- Secretary Deckard called roll.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- March minutes were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER

- Past Chair Adja Jones and Brad Bodehausen presented on the Long-Range Plan. There are 4 themes.
 1. Evolving Academic directions for future careers
 2. Global Engagement
 3. Inclusive excellence driving university success
 4. Community leadership and partnerships
- Brad Bodehausen presented on the Global Engagement part of this plan.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Chair Report
 - Chair Dr. Ryan Reed reported that we are accepting nominations for the Executive Board for 21-22. At this time Gary Wells, Samantha Francka, Will Hader and Rhonda Breshears have been nominated.
 - Chair Dr. Reed reported that at this time we are accepting nominations for senators.
 - Chair Dr. Reed reminded everyone that the Town Hall Meeting is Friday April 9 at 3pm. There will be Q&A.

- Chair Elect Report
 - Chair Elect Kathleen Hains reported the Budget. There is currently \$1286.47.
 - Chair Elect Kathleen Hains reported that the response on the staff Satisfaction Survey was about 55%. It appears that things improved in most areas.
- Past Chair Report
 - Past Chair Jones reported that the Staff Emergency Fund is in progress.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Executive Budget-Dr. Ryan Reed reported that they meet next Friday.
- West Plains Staff Senate-Douglas Cooley reported that the Grizzley Ambassadors Program starts May 1st. They have started a Grizzley pantry; Grizzley care cards and a Part time employee of the year award.
- It Council-Senator Hader reported that they have had two meetings and awarded Scuff proposals.
- Shared Leave-Senator Breashears reported no new cases.
- Health Care and Benefits-Dr. Ryan Reed reported that the University is using Vaccinations to save on insurance this next year. No Biometrics incentives any longer. Dr. Reed also reported that the Dental Plan seems to be going forward.
- Staff appreciation Committee-Chair Elect Hains reminded everyone to check out the blog for the Super- Hero T-shirt. T-shirts are only \$13 and can be picked up on May 18.
- Faculty Senate-Senator Hader reported that COVID-19 updates and Long-Range Plans are the topics of meeting.
- Sustainability Commission-Senator Klem reported that they have 4 new proposals.
 1. Student Internship to be funded
 2. Student Worker position
 3. Robotic equipment for working on dangerous areas
 4. Plant trees around Scholar House to replace the Bradford Pears that were removed.
- Wyrick Commission-Senator Hains reported that they are considering the campus directory project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Council for Administrative Professionals Forum-Senator Gayle Anderson and Lesa Anderson reported that the spring forum is on Communication and conflict with Dr. Berquist presenting. It will be hosted by zoom on April 27 at 11:00 am. You sign up through my learning connection. They are opening this one up for entire campus not just admins.

- Public Affairs-Senator Bowles reported that the next Adopt A Street will be in June. Senator Bowles also reported that we will be participating in the Clean Green Springfield Clean UP. This will be May 17 in Roundtree neighborhood.
- Staff Activities- Senator Derrick reported that gaiters are still available at the bookstore. Cookie Grams are still going on would be great for Administrative Professionals Day. There will be a pancake breakfast in May and Pineapple Whip in July.
- Staff Communications-Dr. Reed reported that they are working on recruiting new senators.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.