



Meeting Date: August 6, 2020

Presiding Officer: Chair Adja Jones

The Staff Senate held the August session on Thursday, August 6, 2020 by Zoom. Chair Adja Jones called the session to order at 11:00 a.m.

Guests: Jon Lee, Anyta Cavitt, Campbell Keele, Denise Loftin, Dany Donaldson, Jessica Silvey and Sara Woodman

Absences: Gayle Anderson JF1; Erin Snider JF1; Ronnie Freeman JF2; Brian Henry JF2; Jacob Welch JF2; Nick Delamora; Phillip McCart JF3; Shawn McComb JF3; Danny Winkler JF3; Ryan Reed JF4 and Trisha Riggs JF4.

GREETING

- Chair Jones welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- July minutes were approved.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Chair Report
 - Chair Jones reported that we are currently accepting nominations for Staff Senate Senators and it will remain open until August 14. We will have elections between August 17-August 28 if contested.
 - Chair Jones reported that the Board of Governors will meet tomorrow and will be voting on a couple of changes to the handbook. The first one will be adding a 7th member to the Shared Leave Committee. The second one will be that we may only have to donate 4 hours instead of 8 to the shared leave pool. They will also be voting on new masking policies.
 - Chair Jones shared that the new Covid 19 website has been updated and out there for everyone to see. Also, the new Covid 19 Response Team has a hot line at 417-837-3737 or you can go to Covid19@missouristate.edu.
 - Chair Jones reported that the Citizen Scholar application is up and are due by September 10.
- Chair Elect Report
 - Chair Elect Jenay Divin reported that she met with Rob Moore and is currently thinking of ways to cut our budget or save money. It was brought up that the Parli room takes over half of our budget.

- Coordinator of Committees Report
 - Coordinator of Committees Katrina Chavez reported that the Executive Board decided to disband Engagement Committee. There will only be 4 standing committees. They will be the Staff Activities Committee, Public Affairs Committee, Staff Communications Committee and Council for Administrative Professionals Forum. Breast Cancer Awareness Event Committee will remain an Ad-Hoc Committee. Scholarship Subcommittee will remain part of the standing Staff Activities Committee. No objections from the floor to the disbanding of the Engagement Committee.
 - Coordinator Chavez also reported that Coordinator Moore will be reaching out to current senators to go ahead and sign up for a committee.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- IT Council-Chair Jones reported that that there will be a University upgrade on August 8, 2020.
- Chair Jones reminded everyone that we will be appointing senators today for IT Council and the Shared Leave Committee.
- Chair Jones reported that University Space Allocation Advisory Committee has put up more than 212 plexy glass shields. Also, there is still work being done on Hill Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chair Jones appointed Senator Will Hader for IT Council.
- Chair Jones appointed Chair Elect Divin and Senator Rhonda Breshears to the Shared Leave Committee

OPEN FORUM

- Chair Jones asked to suspend the rules and have open forum.
- Senator Gettys suggested that we move all meeting to Zoom it will help save money for the budget. Everyone agreed to table this discussion to a later date and the Executive Board will decide a week before meeting.
- Much discussion was had about anxiety and coming back for the fall semester.
- Much discussion was had about emergency leave and FMLA. Denise Loftin helped by explaining how it all works.
- Chair Jones reminded everyone that the next meeting will be September 3, 2020 in the PSU room 313 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.