



Meeting Date: October 3, 2019

Presiding Officer: Chair A'dja Jones

The Staff Senate held the October session on Thursday, October 3, 2019 in Glass Hall 438. Chair A'dja Jones called the session to order at 11:00 a.m.

Guests: Alex Johnson; Michel Bampoe; Matt Morris and Paula Wilhelm.

Absences: Jimi Sode JF4; Peggy Jones JF1; Ronnie Freeman JF2; Brian Henry JF2; Robert Grant JF3; Phillip McCart JF3; and Trisha Riggs JF4.

GREETING

- Chair Jones welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

September minutes were approved.

GUEST PRESENTER

- Alex Johnson Director of Community Engaged Learning presented on ways to engage students in service work out in the community. Faculty and Staff can serve as advisors for the Bear Breaks program and if interested you can contact the Center for Community Engagement in PSU 131. Alex also reported that MSU has a partnership with the Peace Corps. Students can earn a certificate with the Peace Corps.
- Michel Bampoe, Director of Benefits in Human Resources, presented on the open enrollment and biometrics. Open enrollment will be open from November 1 through December 1. Everyone must complete open enrollment, even if they do not choose to change any of their benefits for the coming year. This year you will need to complete biometrics to save the \$360 (\$30/month) on insurance premiums for the year. There are several opportunities for employees to sign up to get the free biometrics done before December 1st. If an employee has had biometrics done May 1st to present, they may forward the results to Mercy and do not have to do biometrics again. You can find that form and detailed information on the HR Be Fit webpage at <https://www.missouristate.edu/human/hr-be-fit.htm>. Michael also discussed the HAWC that employees have access to with Mercy. For more information, visit <https://www.missouristate.edu/human/mercy-hawc-program.htm>. If you have any questions you can email humanresourcesbenefits@missouristate.edu. Wise and Well Health & Benefit Fair is October 8 at the Rec Center from 11-3.

OPEN FORUM

Chair Jones suspended rules for this meeting.

- Chair Jones reported that we have lost many senators because of not enough time etc. she wonders what we can do to help or make better.
- Chair Jones reminded everyone that ADP's are open from October 1-January 1.
- Chair Jones reported that as of now the University is not going to change the start date for next year to align with OTC or Springfield Schools. The University's calendar committee will begin evaluating the 21-22 academic calendars regarding start date alignment with OTC/Springfield schools, commencement ceremonies, holidays, breaks, etc.
- Chair Jones presented the staff senate budget and where we stand at this time.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- IT Council-Past Chair Lee reported that the help desk will now be using a software program called Team Dynamics. This is a one stop shop for IT related issues for staff.
- SGA-they are teaming up with Cox for a dance marathon. They also want to restore the underpass and will be working with Dean Wahl in this project.
- Space Allocation Advisory Committee-Past chair Lee reported that they are doing construction work in McQueary building so offices are relocating to room 126.

● INTERNAL COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, AND WORKGROUPS

- Administrative Professional Forum-Senator Bonner reported that the forum is planned for November 20 in PSU 313 from 11:30 -1:30 and lunch will be provided.
- Public Affairs Committee-Senator Reed will have sign up sheet for book club and the November meeting. Also, next meeting we will have a representative from Isabel's house.
- Staff Activities Committee- Coordinator of Committees Chavez reported that the tailgate was successful! We will organize the same activities for the October 26th Homecoming tailgate.
- Staff Communications Committee-Senator Hains reported that they are working on a newsletter and staff senate website maintenance.
- Breast Cancer Awareness luncheon will be October 4 from 11-2.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones thanked everyone and motioned to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next session will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 in PSU 313.