



Meeting Date: November 7, 2019

Presiding Officer: Chair A'dja Jones

The Staff Senate held the November session on Thursday, November 7, 2019 in PSU 313 Chair A'dja Jones called the session to order at 11:00 a.m.

Guests: Tony Ary; Nick Broom and Campbell Keele.

Absences: Jimi Sode JF4; Gayle Anderson JF1; Ronnie Freeman JF2; Brian Henry JF2; Phillip McCart JF3 and Samantha Francka JF4

GREETING

- Chair Jones welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- October minutes were approved.

GUEST PRESENTER

- Tony Ary Development Coordinator at Isabel's House presented an overview of what they do. It was started in 2007 to decrease child abuse and neglect. It's open 24 hours a day for around the clock care for children and gives supports to the parents.
- Nick Broom gave an overview about the Dance Marathon that will be held on April 25, 2020. The goal is to raise between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for Cox Health to expand their NICU unit.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Director of Committees
 - Faculty Senate-Senator Chavez reported that they plan on having a task force on Mental Health.
 - IT Council-Chair Jones reported that the Team dynamic is getting ready to be rolled out.
 - Shared Leave Committee-Chair Jones reported that they will meet on November 20th. Chair Jones asked the Senate if they would be in support of a representative on the committee from West Plains since they currently do not have representation on this committee. Senator Hader moved and Senator Lee seconded, motion passed.
 - Student Government- Senator Hains reported that cameras for Craig Hall was approved and that students will only need 27 credit hours to move off campus now.
 - Sustainability Commission-Senator Klem reported that they are still waiting on projects.
 - Space Allocation-Senator Lee reported that the construction on McQuerry Hall is running behind schedule and that there's going to be a new esports arena in the PSU.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Public Affairs-Senator Reed reported that the book club would be held on January 8, 2020 with Brent Dunn in Hammons Student Center. Senator Reed sent the signup sheet around. Senator Reed also reported that November is Native Americans month. Staff Activities Committee-Senator Chavez reported that it was a great tailgate. This event really reached job family 2 people since they had to work the game. Senator Chavez also reported that they are trying to come up with a plan for staff appreciation. Senator Chavez reported that she deposited the Breast Cancer money and a total of \$1052 was raised. Chair Jones commends Senator Chavez on all the hard work she has done.
- Council for Staff Excellence Awards-Senator Hader reported that you can nominate until November 15.
- Staff Communications Committee-Senator Hains reported that they just launched the first newsletter. There will be one in fall and one in the spring.
- Engagement Committee-Senator Chavez reported that they are working on ideas to recruit staff senators and on staff appreciation for employees going above and beyond.
- Ad hoc workgroups-Chair Jones asked if there were any updates. Senator Bonner reported that there is a group working on parking issues.

OPEN FORUM

- Chair Jones reported that we currently have 36 senators and that we are working on recruiting senators to start in January. We currently have 7 seats open in job family 2, 2 seats in job family 3 and 4 seats in job family 4.
- Senator Hader reminded everyone that the MSU Foundation and United Way is due tomorrow.
- Senator Backer reminded everyone that the First-Generation Celebration is tomorrow November 8.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chair Jones motioned to have food catered in for the December 5 meeting. Senator Backer moved we spend \$350 and Senator Reed seconded. Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Jones thanked everyone and motioned to adjourn. Motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.
- Next session will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 in PSU 313.