



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

MEETING DATE: JUNE 6, 2024

PRESIDING OFFICER: CHAIR LAURA DERRICK

The Staff Senate held the June Session in Glass Hall, room 486. Chair Derrick called the session to order at 11:10 a.m.

Absences: Peggy Jones JF1, Sandy Johnson JF1, Jared Steeves JF2, Leonard Haymans JF2, Ben Metzger JF4, Kelly Schlinder JF4.

Guests: Jim Hornback, Sierra Chitwood, John Bogue, Savannah Sargent

GREETINGS

- Chair Derrick welcomed everyone to the June Staff Senate Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- No corrections were notes, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bronze Bear awarded to President Smart.
- Bear Pantry is moving to the PSU.
- Staff Appreciation Week is coming up this month please see past emails for detailed events.
- Staff Appreciation T-shirts available for purchase and pickup at the Staff Appreciation Events.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

- Chair report:
 - Executive Board Report: Discussed upcoming events, day of caring participation, parental leave implementation, and the Staff Senate Appreciation week events.
- Chair Elect: No report.
- Past-Chair: No report.

- Coordinator of Communications: No report.
- Coordinator of Committees: No report.
- Secretary: No report.
- Parliamentarian: Election update: elections for new Senators closed and new Senators were notified and will start in July.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Employee Wellness: Just hired a new student wellness coordinator. Weight watchers start in July and run through September. Movement challenge begins in July. See blogs for additional events and activities.
- Executive Budget: a 3% compensation increase is in the state budget and will be approved.
- Faculty Senate: Set up an ad hoc committee to work on an equity pay system and funding, discussion on future model of faculty senate.
- Healthcare and Benefits: PPO selection will be made at the June BOG meeting. Shared leave policy changes also in June BOG meeting. Looking for incentives for open enrollment for the year 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Professional Development Committee: No report.
- Public Affairs Committee: Volunteer t-shirt form was sent around. It is open to all staff participating in any volunteer event on the campus. United Way Day of Caring will be June 13, volunteer options have closed. Discussion included adopt a street scheduling change. Next meeting is June 25th at 3:00 pm.
- Staff Activities: Springfield Cardinals games are in the works with days of June 16 and a day in July. Other activities include a movie event on the football field, more alamo movies, and a Chiefs watch party.
- Recruitment and Retention: Continuing to work on the employee transcript project and the employee assistance fund.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion on additional funding for Springfield Cardinals Tickets.
 - Motion to approve up to \$3,000 for tickets by Senator Hader, seconded by Senator Hahn.
 - Approved by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to close the 2023-2024 Staff Senate Session and adjourned the June Meeting was made by Senator Hader. The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. and the session closed.