



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

MEETING DATE: JUNE 5, 2025

PRESIDING OFFICER: CHAIR CAMPBELL KEELE

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

Absences: JF1: Vicki Kramer, Melissa Lafarlette, Blanca Mallonee; JF2: Justin Daugherty, Ingrid Hintze; JF4: Sierra Chitwood, Sharon Harter, Hanna Henroid, Nicholas Horne, Ben Metzger, April Phillips; Divisional Reps: Kelly Evans, Stephanie Smith

Guests (19): Angela Goerndt, Rebecca Morris, Denise Lofton, Rob Ybanez, Ethan Patterson, Lesa Anderson, Cali Pettijohn, Sandra Bales, Rheanna Pulley, Kelly Rapp, Holly Keehner, Stephen Sharum, Kylie Haraldson, Armani Eason, Kelly Barnts, Megan Schiller, Gretchen Gawron, Bart Tibbs, Krysta Smith

GREETINGS

- Chair Keele welcomed everyone to the June Senate Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- The minutes were approved by unanimous consent after one correction.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- No guest speakers this month

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

- Chair report: Ombudsman search update; Shared Leave Pool donation reminder; Aug. 26 – Conference USA party for students, faculty, & staff; Senate leadership transition beginning – start looking for communication from Chair Bridges.

- Chair Elect: Elections update & congrats to incoming senators, we may be able to add more seats this year; thanks to everyone for being a senator; Strategic Plan Committee update – making MSU an Employer of Choice
- Past-Chair: Staff Appreciation Week details for each day; Staff t-shirts are now here – gave details on where they can be picked up; anyone interested in joining the Staff Appreciation Committee can let Laura Derrick know
- Coordinator of Communications: No report
- Coordinator of Committees: Reminder about attendance and committee choice for next senate year
- Secretary: N/A
- Parliamentarian: Update on bylaws discussion

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Academic Calendar – Chair Keele: none
- Administrative Budget Committee – Chair-Elect Bridges: none
- Employee Wellness – Senator Martin: Summer movement challenge update – any movement counts, National Donut Day
- Executive Budget – Chair Keele: did not meet
- Faculty Senate – Chair-Elect Bridges: did not meet
- Health Care & Benefits – Chair Keele, Senator Mings: Planning & prep for open enrollment
- Inclusion Awareness Team – Senator Phillips: no report
- IT Council – Chair-Elect Bridges: no report
- President's Council on Accessibility – Past-Chair Derrick: have not met
- Shared Leave – Senator Daniels, Senator Mallonee, Senator Schlinder: Approved one case last month
- Staff Excellence in University Service Awards – Chair-Elect Bridges & Senator Niesen: no report
- Strategic Planning Committee – Senator Hader: BOG agenda will be out tomorrow with draft plan
- Student Government – Varies: Adjourned for summer
- Sustainability Advisory Committee – Senator Letterman: Won't meet again until fall
- Sustainability Commission – Senator Webster: did not meet
- Transportation Advisory – Senator Metzger: Reviewed policy changes from parking committee meeting
- University Council – Chair Keele: Chief of Staff interviews happened, announcement soon; update on VP Enrollment Management search; Dean of Graduate College hired – starts 8/18; President's office hiring Exec Assistant (Rhonda Wagner leaving); state appropriation update
- University Space Allocation – Senator Decker: have not met
- Wall of Fame – Chair Keele: Announced two inductees
- West Plains Staff Senate – Chair Smith: New Chair – Trevor Cressman
- Williams' Welcome – Chair Keele: Did not have one, next one in July
- Wyrick Commission – Senator Webster: no update

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Public Affairs (Rigby): Met on May 20th and discussed volunteer/donation drive options for fall; plan to have another book discussion related to the Public Affairs Conference theme, “Resilient People, Resilient Future”; Adopt-a-Street on Friday 6/13 8am; Day of Caring updates; decorating Hope Cards for Ozarks Food Harvest on July 31 3:30pm. Next meeting 6/17 3:30pm.
- Staff Activities (Babb): Sgf Cardinals game on 6/20 – all tickets claimed, another game August 1st; planned some activities for next year, including non-sport activities; will be doing 3 tailgates for fall
- Staff Development (Helton, Phillips): Next meeting will primarily focus on CUPA data updates

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Spending down fiscal year funds; Moved to temporarily increase the executive board funding cap from \$250 to \$1000 between now and July 1, 2025, to fund any singular project, issue, or initiative by unanimous vote of executive board.
 - Approved
- Senator elections results (Bridges)
- Bylaw revisions update discussion (Hader), including process improvements, addition of college representatives, transparency, etc. and inclusion of Recognition, Censure, Commendation, and Condemnation section (original charge)

OPEN FORUM

- Margaret Osler – Volunteer for House Calls 2025, Aug. 27th 5:15-8:00pm, welcome students back to campus at their residence hall
- Plaque and gavel presented to outgoing Chair Keele by incoming Chair Bridges

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned by Chair Keele at 12:47p.m.