



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2024

PRESIDING OFFICER: CHAIR DERRICK

The Staff Senate held the February Session in Glass Hall, room 486. Chair Derrick called the session to order at 11:04 a.m.

Absences: Peggy Jones JF1, Peggy Kahre JF1, Amy Grace JF2, Ingrid Hintze JF2, Jared Steeves JF2, Leonard Haymans JF2, Kelly Evans JF4, Nicole Webster JF4

Guests: Meadow Eddleman, Jacob Miles, Tanya Garretson

GREETINGS

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

GUEST SPEAKER

- David Hall
 - Updates of University Parking and Safety

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Staff Appreciation T-shirts are being set up with the bookstore, \$18 a piece.
- Presidential open forums for staff senate will be sent out later in the week.
- Staff Senate scholarship was awarded this semester to a current staff member.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

- Chair report: Executive Board meeting update included discussion on upcoming events, the family leave policy, weather policy, table and sound issues at the staff awards banquet.
- Chair Elect: Send budget requests and ideas to Senator Keele.
- Past-Chair: No report.
- Coordinator of communications: No report.
- Coordinator of Committees: No report.
- Secretary: No report.
- Parliamentarian: Officer elections will take place in May. Send in nominations to Senator Bridges. Elections for Senators will take place online within specific job families. Send in nominations to Senator Bridges.
 - Proposed Staff Senate Representation discussion.
 - Each job family has 1 senator per 25 staff and each VP division has one at-large senator.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Academic Calendar: 2025 – 2026 calendar submitted to Board of Governors.
- Bear Connection: Small group of new employees came through, went well.
- Employee Wellness: New programs include access to the KIN gym, Hyvee cooking demonstrations, and “Making Money” class that can match up to \$150 in your savings account.
- Executive Budget: Discussed incoming revenues and expenses. Waiting to hear back on how much money will be received by the state government.
- Faculty Senate: Discussion included updates on the CUPA data, overview of University Safety and updates on the ombudsperson.
- Healthcare and Benefits: Use of benefit claims are trending higher this year. PPO is up for renewal and review. Medpay will stay the same, but the Mercy/Cox Health providers could change.
- Inclusive Engagement Council: First meeting discussed what will be doing for the remainder of the year across campus.
- Presidents' council: Updates on what is happening around campus including sidewalks, video boards for transportation, Cheek/Craig renovations, and accessibility for each building entrance.
- Shared Leave: Working on approving one case.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Professional Development Committee: No report.
- Public Affairs Committee: Next meeting will be February 26 via zoom. Upcoming events include purchasing volunteer t-shirts and new vests for trash pickups, trash bags, and work gloves. Next adopt a street will be March 22nd at 4:00 p.m. Considering a clothing drive for the MRC transitioning client. Relay for life on March 23rd and Ozarks Food Harvest dates and information will be emailed out.
- Staff Activities: Upcoming events include staff night at 1984 Arcade, all staff baseball tickets, movie night at the Alamo in March for all staff. Movies to vote on Big Daddy, Galaxy Quest, and True Lies. Galaxy Quest for Alamo movie night.
 - Motion for \$2,000 for Alamo, passed by unanimous consent.

- Motion for \$500 for 1984, passed by unanimous consent.
- Recruitment and Retention: Next meeting is February 12th. Discussion included ADP training for supervisors, publicizing benefits, payment schedule for non-exempt employees, ADP submission deadline, and possibility of funding for staff members that have challenges.

ADJOURNMENT

- February Staff Senate meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.