



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

MEETING DATE: APRIL 4, 2024

PRESIDING OFFICER: CHAIR DERRICK

The Staff Senate held the April Session in Glass Hall, room 486. Chair Derrick called the session to order at 11:05 a.m.

Absences: Charles Babb JF1, Peggy Jones JF1, Leonard Haymans JF2, Kelly Evans JF4, Galen Martin JF4.

Guests: Sierra Chitwood

GREETINGS

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

GUEST SPEAKER

- Eric Taylor, Instructional Designer-Educational Technology
 - Overview of Brightspace
- Beth Walker – Chair of Faculty Senate
 - Overview of Faculty Concerns Survey

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Staff appreciation shirts available until 5/10/2024.
- Carnegie classification notes due tomorrow
- All faculty/staff have access to EAB.com (Education Advisory Board)
- Roy Blunt Hall Topping Out Celebration – May 22, 2024, at the West Mall.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

- Chair report:
 - Executive board report: Reviewed meeting schedules, discussed staff representation, upcoming budget meetings, appreciation t-shirts, health plan, and employee emergence fund.
- Chair Elect: No report.
- Past-Chair: No report.
- Coordinator of communications: No report.
- Coordinator of Committees: No report.
- Secretary: No report.
- Parliamentarian: Executive Board Elections include Chair Elect, Coordinator of Communications, and Coordinator of Staff Committees.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Academic Calendar – 2025 – 2026 is going through approval by the board of governors this month.
- Employee Wellness: National walking day – April 3rd. Eclipse, April 8th. party at the PSU, Yoga, Tai Chi and Fab, fit and Fun are open for registration.
- Executive Budget: Reviewed CUPA data, state appropriation – 3% (under discussion), reviewed recommendations for FY2024-25 including salary adjustments, graduate fee waivers, health care increases, and tuition increases for graduate programs.
- Faculty Senate: Discussions over the latest CUPA data and how to present to the new President of the University and the DFW rates for faculty.
- Healthcare and Benefits: Proposals sent out to Mercy and Cox. The decision will be made in the May Board of Governors meeting.
- IT Council: Approved student fees and budget.
- Shared Leave: Two cases approved for the last month.
- Sustainability: Listened to six proposals.
- Wall of Fame: Picked 3 staff and 3 faculty members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Professional Development Committee: No report.
- Public Affairs Committee: Last adopt a street on March 26th. Next one will be May 3rd at 4:00 p.m. Clothing drive for the transitions closet in the MRC, see flyer that will be emailed out. Day of caring sign-up will take place this month.
- Staff Activities: Pineapple whip during staff appreciation week. MSU vs. Mizzou tickets available for Bear Baseball.
- Recruitment and Retention: Discussed topics including employee assistance fund, ADP planning deadline, pay timeline, and shared leave.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bylaws update:

- Representation formula update.
- Divisional representation formula update.
- Chair vacancy update.

Motion to discuss by Past chair, seconded by Chair elect Keele.

Motion to adopt by law changes by unanimous consent by Past chair Hader, seconded by Chair Elect Keele.

- Nominations for Executive Board. Nominations will be accepted until the May Staff Senate Meeting.
 - Chair Elect – Senator Bridges (accepted)
 - Coordinator of Communications – Senator Babb, Senator Schlinder (accepted)
 - Coordinator of Committees – Senator Rigby (accepted)
 - Past Chair Hader will take charge of elections.

ADJOURNMENT

- April Staff Senate meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.