



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2024

PRESIDING OFFICER: CHAIR CAMPBELL KEELE

The Staff Senate held the November Session in Glass Hall, room 486. Chair Keele called the session to order at 11:07 a.m.

Absences: Peggy Jones JF1, Blanca Mallonee JF1, Justin Daugherty JF2, Ingrid Hintze JF2, Jared Steeves, JF2, Danny Winkler JF3, Brandon Decker JF3, Alaina Smith JF4, Sophia Raithel JF4, Stephanie Smith DR, Emily Letterman DR.

Guests: Meadow Eddleman, Rebekkah Wall, Konya Mueller, Michael West, Adrian Balanean, Rheanna Pulley

GREETINGS

- Chair Keele welcomed everyone to the November Staff Senate Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Patrick Ransdell
 - Athletics update
- Dee Dee Mings
 - Open Enrollment/Benefits Updates

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

- Chair report:
 - Provost Search Committee is ongoing– Check website for additional detail.
 - Staff Senate/SGA/Faculty Senate compensation

- SGA President and Vice President receive full tuition.
- Staff Senate receives a parking pass.
- Faculty Senate receives a courseload decrease.
- Chair Elect: Budget was approved and will present at the next meetings.
- Past-Chair: Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be January 8, 2025.
- Coordinator of Communications: Blog is still not working, will email information until the blog is working again.
- Coordinator of Committees: No report.
- Secretary: Breast Cancer luncheon and t-shirts raised \$2358.58 for BCFO.
- Parliamentarian: No Report

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Academic Calendar (Rigby): Academic calendar for 2025-2026 is posted on the website.
- New Employee Welcome (Keele): Workshopping new names for the committee.
- Employee Wellness (Martin): See blog for upcoming events including cookings talks, food demonstrations, and QPR workshop. Ongoing spice drive to benefit the bear pantry is running for the holidays.
- Faculty Senate (Hahn): Discussion on faculty senate reorganization.
- Healthcare & Benefits (Mings): Three options for wellness discounts. Reminder that December 1st is after Thanksgiving and falls on a weekend to plan ahead to have done on time.
- Inclusion Awareness Team (Phillips): Event coming up this month and sign up with the flyer that will be sent out.
- IT Council (Bridges): Discussion included funding for student support, AI, replacing scan tron tests and rearranging for open labs.
- President's Council on Accessibility (Derrick): Discussed updates for each unit.
- Shared Leave (Daniels): Approved two new cases, two parental leave and one extension.
- SEUSA (Bridges): Deadline for nominations is 11/8/2024.
- Strategic Planning Committee (Hader): Debuted the new mission, and values and looking for feedback.
- SGA (Keele): Discussion included the new digital bear pass, class elections, and safety walk. Sign up for the December and spring meetings will be sent out soon.
- Transportation Advisory (Metzger): Policy changed where students are required to use a U lock on bikes, scooters, or mopeds.
- University Council (Keele): Please see handout for discussions. Major discussions included FLSA adjustments and admissions updates.
- Wyrick Commission (Webster): One student presentation for a gaga ball pit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Public Affairs (Bowles): Next meeting is Tuesday November 19th at 3:00 p.m. Ozarks food harvest is full for November 16th. Collecting items for Foster Adopt Connect through December 13th, see flyer for more details.
- Staff Activities (Babb): Next meeting is November 20th at 1:30 p.m. Next KC watch party is November 17th at 3:30 at Skybox. November 23rd will be the last regular season home game and will include a special announcement from the AD for staff. Staff appreciation night for women's

and men's basketball games coming up in December. Alamo draft house signup will be posted soon for Groundhog Day on January 11th.

- Staff Development: No updates. Next meeting is November 11 at 2:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- FLSA update with Scot Scobee.
 - Discussion of the minimum annual salary and satisfaction of duties test.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to close November meeting by unanimous consent made by Senator Hader. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.