

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE REGULAR MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID 924 7748 1076

September 2, 2021 – 9:00am

Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate was called to order at 9:01am on Thursday, September 2, 2021 via Zoom by President-Elect Keith Becherer.

Present: Mark Ferrell, Keith Becherer, David Balai, Angie White, Cindy Cobetto, Denyse Anderson, Darryl Cherry, Mike Hamil, Carolyn Jason, Anne Cavanaugh, Anthony Fearon, Doug James, Shane Kessinger, Jared Loyd, Nicole Robinson, Anne Hunter (ex officio)

Excused: Jan Caban, Emily Skowron

Absent: John Caupert, Dusty Rhodes, Collin Van Meter

Guests: Angie Bayer, Sara Colvin, Xanthe Emerick, Angela McVey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the August 19, 2021 meeting were approved as written. The transcript included in the minutes are from Mike Pulley's presentation to the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) that included information relevant to the Staff Senate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

UPDATES:

President-Elect Becherer attended the student veteran's reception. The Chancellor's Town Hall had about 425 people in person and a few hundred present virtually. The Chancellor's Search Forum had about 75 people online. Becherer also met with the Student Government President and Vice-President to discuss areas where there could be collaboration; there was a discussion about students not taking summer classes being ineligible for student employment, however other universities allow it.

Anderson is still working on the vacancy for the Alton campus, which is a joint constituency with Cherry.

Kessinger shared a report about the Morris University Center (MUC) Board. The MUC has made several new appointments to vacant positions. Sales are still down about 33% from pre-COVID. There is a shortage of workers, and they are having a hard time getting food and product delivered. They are looking to do some projects on the patio like adding a fire pit so they can have outdoor events. Refunds were issued to students for unused services due to COVID as federal money became available.

Cavanaugh shared information on the Cougars Unleashed Homecoming Run which will take place virtually from September 18-25 and in-person on September 25 at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed.

The School of Dental Medicine Dean Search Committee had their first meeting.

The Chancellor's Search will include access for constituency groups, including the Staff Senate. The Town Hall was recorded and will be available on the website. Anyone who wishes to submit questions anonymously can submit them to members of the search committee to bring forward.

The report for the East St. Louis Campus was posted to Teams and is attached.

There were no other updates.

ACTION ITEMS:

Action items were tabled until the October meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Additional information on an employee satisfaction survey is pending a meeting with the Chancellor.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announcements were reviewed as listed on the agenda. Scholarship applications are open through September 7, and four applications have been submitted to date. The Board of Trustees meeting will be held virtually. The Chancellor Search Town Hall will have virtual and in-person options, and it was recommended that Constituency Representatives send a message to constituents to encourage attendance and questions as it will be the last global opportunity for campus input on the process before candidates are reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.

Submitted by Anne Hunter, University Governance

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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. MONTHLY UPDATES
 - a. Officers
 - b. Constituency Representatives
 - c. Staff Senate Committees
 - d. University Committees
 - e. Search Committees
 - f. Ex-Officio
- V. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Search Committee Appointment
 - b. Parking and Traffic Committee Appointment
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. SIUE Employee Satisfaction Survey
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Chancellor Search Website – siue.edu/chancellor-search
 - b. Fall Scholarship Applications Open – August 1 through September 7
 - c. Board of Trustees Meeting – September 16
 - d. Chancellor Search Town Hall – October 1 from 12-1:30pm
- IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting of the Staff Senate Executive Committee will be Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 9:00am
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 9:00am

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE

COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT

Committee Name	ESLC			
Report Submitted By	Carolyn Jason			
Role/Position	Senator			
Quarter Submission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aug	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov	<input type="checkbox"/> Feb	<input type="checkbox"/> May

If additional explanations for any section are necessary, please attach additional sheets.

<p>What is the general charge of the committee on which you sit? (This can be repeated from report to report).</p> <p>The general charge of this committee is to provide a report of activities from the ESLC.</p>
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<p>Major Activities or Actions Since the Last Report</p> <p>* Veterans Upward Bound-Veterans and Active Duty Resource Fair was hosted by the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville East St. Louis Center's Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) program. H.E.R.O.E.S. provided 250 suits and more than 30 organizations attended the event, which was held Monday, July 26 at the East St. Louis Higher Education Campus. In addition to adding to their wardrobe, the resource fair connected area veterans and active duty men and women to agencies that deliver needed services. Program Director James Robbins.</p> <p>*Performing Arts Dept-The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville East St. Louis Center (ESLC) for the Performing Arts brought its summer session to a close Friday, July 30 with a performance given by students, ages 6-17. In tribute to such legends as Katherine Dunham and Miles Davis, and in honor of such celebrities as Darius Miles and Eugene B. Redmond, the East St. Louis Senior High School auditorium stage became the platform on which "The City of Champions" was celebrated and revered through song, dance and musical instrumentation. Program Director-Homer Simmons</p> <p>*LRC & The St. Clair County Girls Scouts Troop partnered to provide "The Little Library Project" to eight Head Start centers: Belleville, Bluffview, Cahokia, Discovery Center, Helen Davis, JJK and Lovejoy, as well as partner site, Lessie Bates Davis. The project received more than 2,000 donated books. The libraries are for children and adults, participants can take a book or bring a book, and each individual Head Start center is responsible to stock its library. Program Director-Rebecca Harper</p> <p>*All ESLC programs have kicked off programming for 2021-2022. The SIUE Head Start program will begin in-person services for 21-22 program beginning Sept 8, 2021. Head Start staff have been in pre-service since August 23. Like them on facebook, @HeadStart2_Success. Interim Program Director-Carolyn Jason</p> <p>*Miss Jays (ESLC Cafeteria)-is a small business that offers catering, and food truck services as well as now operating a full cafeteria on the ESLC. The grand opening date will be on Friday August 20th from 11am. Jere' Richardson (Owner).</p> <p>*EDW-ESLC Committee-appointed by VC-Jessica Harris with a charge to make recommendations to improve relations between the two campuses. The committee conducted surveys, interviews and focus groups and has submitted its report to VC-Jessica Harris.</p>
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<p>Activities or Actions Under Consideration or In Development</p>

Areas of Particular Concern or Interest Relevant to the Staff Senate
N/A

Questions, Challenges, and Resources Needed
N/A

Goals and Action Items
N/A

Other Notes/Comments
N/A