

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE REGULAR MEETING

Maple/Dogwood Room, Morris University Center

April 7, 2022 – 9:00am

Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate was called to order at 9:09am on Thursday, April 7, 2022 via zoom and in person by Keith Becherer.

Present: Keith Becherer, David Balai, Angie White, Jan Caban, Anthony Fearon, Jackie Hayes, Kelly Jo Hendricks, Dusty Rhodes, Emily Skowron, Collin Van Meter, Jared Loyd, Shane Kessinger, Mike Hamil

Absent: Darryl Cherry, Cindy Cobetto, Doug James

Excused: Nicole Robinson, Carolyn Jason, John Caupert, Denyse Anderson

Guests: Not recorded

GUEST:

Donna Meyer, Associate Director of Facilities Management. Donna shared a power point presentation on facilities management projects from this past year, current and future projects slated for the university.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the March 3, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

REPORTS:

President:

- Chancellor is focused on student success.
- UPBC – Chapa reviews, budget consultant Dr. Hoyt from Sam Houston University.
- Illinois House and Budget Hearing on March 10 sounded favorable as far as funding Higher Ed. Institutions.
- System Staff Advisory Meeting – Dr. Todd (Springfield campus) will give presentations on staff wellness and well-being sometime in May.
- Governor's budget allows for 5% increase FY 22 and FY 23 will know if approves April 8, 2022. Legislative process for the year ends April 8, 2022.
- Corn Ethanol Plant Stakeholders meeting with Jerry Costello, President Mahoney and Chancellor Minor
- Exec. Council letter of support for Queer Staff/Faculty Association

- Platform party – Staff Senate President Keith Becherer will be on the platform at graduation . Dinner & reception on May 5 to recognize student graduation speakers
- SIUE One Day evening reception, join if able. April 21, 2022

Past – President

No Report

President-Elect – Kelly Jo a short-term form is being developed to evaluation higher administration more often than every 3 years. Form sent to UPBC for approval. Ability to add ad-hoc committees.

Policy Review Committee – Dr. Taylor joined. Beverly will be the Interim Director, search process Civil Service position conversion will start to resume again in the next 30-60 days. Covid work from home. Reestablishing frequency of meetings. Hope to hire the new HR Director in May.

Public Relations Committee – SSA Webinar working with presenter on date and setting up zoom connections.

Search Committees: School of Dental Medicine search failed. A search firm will conduct a new search. Original search only had 2 candidates, felt for this level of position, needed a better candidate pool. HR Director currently conducting face to face interviews for 7 candidates, there were 8 candidates, one person withdrew.

ACTION ITEMS:

Kelly Jo Hendricks was appointed to President-Elect. After discussion a roll call vote was conducted 8-3 in favor of appointing Ms. Hendricks, 1 abstain. Emily Skowron motioned, Mike Hamil seconded

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on all three campuses

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:40am