

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE REGULAR MEETING
SIU School of Dental Medicine, Building 273, Alumni Conference Room
Zoom Meeting ID 945 0315 5890
April 6, 2023 – 9:00am
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate was called to order at 9:00 am on Thursday, April 6, 2023 by President Keith Becherer.

Present: Keith Becherer, Kelly Jo Hendricks, Angie White, Sara Colvin, Doug James, Kim Kilgore, Dusty Rhodes, Collin Van Meter

Absent: Cindy Cobetto, Denyse Anderson, Darryl Cherry, Mike Hamil, Carolyn Jason, Jan Caban, Anthony Fearon, Shane Kessinger, Michael Tadlock (ex officio)

Guests: Jennifer Cottingham, Rachel Garrett, Jessica McCawley, Jeanette Parmenter, Jill Smucker, Stephanie Stookey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the March 2, 2023 meeting was approved as written.

INVITED GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

Ken Holbert, Associate Dean and Executive Director for Administration, Finance and Operations, provided an overview of the dental programs and facilities they operate on the Alton campus. Holbert spoke about the accelerated program that is required for international dental professionals in order to be certified in the United States as a dental practitioner. He mentioned they recently opened a faculty clinic that allows faculty to practice on the Edwardsville campus. SDM offers an advance/more complicated implant program. SDM also just opened up Endodontics and Orthodontics as well. There has been a lot of growth in SDM the past few years. They do outreach and community dental work for those areas that need extra dental support. The dental clinic on the Alton campus is always open to the public, and annually free care days are provided for kids and veterans. The cost of the dental clinic is lower than regular dentist service. The clinic does take insurance; the process can take longer, but it's the same level of care.

REPORTS:

President Keith Becherer – Attended the March 14 constituency heads meeting with the Chancellor. We talked about the tuition and fee increase proposal and work to come on the master plan and campus safety plan. Met with all of the candidates for the Executive Director of the Chancellor's Office. Attended the most recent UPBC meeting (March 24) where the council discussed what their focus is at this time. Reminder to attend all employee appreciation events if you can. Plan to attend the Chancellor's conversation on April 12.

President-Elect Kelly Jo Hendricks – Thanked everyone for helping with getting nominees for our Staff Senate elections. The voting site is being built and we will run some tests before opening them up for voting on April 12.

There were no other executive reports.

Executive Director of Chancellor's Office search – the three candidates were on campus over the last month. The decision is now with the Chancellor.

School of Business Dean search – job description closes soon; a review of applications has begun. On campus interviews are likely both the week before finals and the week of finals.

Chief of Police search – we have 14 applicants. The committee will meet via Zoom to narrow the pool.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

As a reminder, the upcoming Staff Senate election will take place on April 12, 2023. The following Staff Senator positions will be contested. Terms are for four (4) years, commencing July 2023. **FOUR (4) OPEN SEATS** for the Civil Service: Negotiated and Prevailing classification. **TWO (2) OPEN SEATS** for the Civil Service: Open Range/Confidential, Managerial, and Supervisory Exclusions classification. **ONE (1) OPEN SEAT** for the Administrative Staff: Represented classification. **TWO (2) OPEN SEATS** for the Administrative Staff: Non-Represented classification. Additionally, seats specifically representing the Alton and East St. Louis campuses will be contested. **ONE (1) OPEN SEAT FOR THE EAST ST. LOUIS CAMPUS** representing *either* the Civil Service: Open Range/Confidential, Managerial, and Supervisory Exclusions classification or Administrative Staff: Non-Represented classification. **TWO (2) OPEN SEATS FOR THE ALTON CAMPUS** representing *either* the Civil Service: Open Range/Confidential, Managerial, and Supervisory Exclusions classification or Administrative Staff: Non-Represented classification. The voting site with the candidates and their candidacy statements is being worked on now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Angie White was appointed to the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior Dean's quadrennial review. Riane Greenwalt was appointed to the School of Pharmacy Dean's quadrennial review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 2023 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day will take place on the Edwardsville campus on Friday, April 7. For the East St. Louis campus, it will take place on Wednesday, April 19. For the Alton campus, it will take place on Tuesday, May 2.

A "Conversation with the Chancellor" regarding the budget will be on Wednesday, April 12 at 9 am in the MUC Conference Center (Second Floor).

Invitation to attend the SIUE SUAA Chapter's 50th Anniversary event on April 26.

The next SIU Board of Trustees meeting will take place in Carbondale on Thursday, April 27.

Human Resources is bringing back their service awards on May 1 for 2022 and 2023 honorees.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The April 6, 2023 Staff Senate meeting will take place on the Alton School of Dental Medicine campus.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Submitted by Sara Colvin, Staff Senate