

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE REGULAR MEETING
International Room, Morris University Center
Zoom Meeting ID 945 0315 5890
June 1, 2023 – 9:00am
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate was called to order at 9:03 am on Thursday, June 1, 2023 by President Keith Becherer.

Present: Keith Becherer, Kelly Jo Hendricks, Angie White, Cindy Cobetto, Mike Hamil, Sara Colvin, Doug James, Shane Kessinger, Kim Kilgore, Dusty Rhodes, Michael Tadlock-Jackson (ex officio)

Absent: Denyse Anderson, Carolyn Jason, Darryl Cherry, Jan Caban, John Caupert, Anthony Fearon, Collin Van Meter

Guests: Andrey Ayers, Lawrence Becker, Jeff Chitwood, Jennifer Cottingham, Maria Ferrari, Amie Flatt, Steven Green, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Amy Luttrell, Jessica McCawley, Jeanette Parmenter, Trish Scheibal, Deb Talbot

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the May 4, 2023 meeting was approved as written.

REPORTS:

President Keith Becherer – Welcome to all the incoming Senators in the room and on zoom; thank you in advance for your service to Staff Senate! Thank you to those outgoing senators for their services throughout their terms. The next Constituency Heads meeting with the Chancellor will be on June 27; Kelly Jo will fill in for Staff Senate. It's been an honor to serve as Staff Senate President the last year and a half.

President-Elect Kelly Jo Hendricks – Welcome to all of new Senators and guests!

There were no other executive reports.

School of Business Dean search – the search committee presented their final report to the Provost last month, and now are just waiting for a decision.

Chief of Police search – the committee has narrowed down the candidate pool to four on-campus finalists.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs search – the search committee made recommendations to the job description, which will go live early this summer.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Becherer announced that Spring 2023 Staff Senate Scholarship recipient is Taylor Sparks, daughter of Bursar staff Dawn Sparks. Taylor won a \$2,500 scholarship.

Hendricks reminded everyone that the Staff Senate summer retreat is scheduled for July 18 at the Cougar Pavilion (Lukas Annex, second floor). Invitations have been sent out to all the constituency heads so that they can join us for lunch.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations were made for 2023-24 Staff Senate Executive Officers. Immediately after the adjournment of the regular business meeting, we will go into special session to elect the executive officers.

Nominations for President-Elect: Sara Colvin and Doug James

Nominations for Secretary: Angie White is the sole nominee

Nominations for Treasurer: Cindy Cobetto is the sole nominee; however, Amie Flatt volunteers to be a trainee so that she can assist Cindy in this role

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SIU School of Dental Medicine Commencement is to be held on Saturday, June 3.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Hendricks is finalizing the list of guests for the next fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance