UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE REGULAR MEETING
Alumni Conference Room, School of Dental Medicine
April 4, 2019 – 9:00am
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate was called to order at 9:00am on Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the Alumni Conference Room at the School of Dental Medicine by Acting President Fricke.

Present: Gretchen Fricke, Ian Toberman, Angie White, Collin Van Meter, Mark Ferrell, Carolyn Jason, David Balai, Nancy Boomershine, Jan Caban, Jackie Candela, Anne Cavanaugh, Cindy Cobetto, Sherie Gottlob, Ken Holbert, John Milcic, Wayne Mills, Anne Hunter (ex officio)
Excused: Melanie Schoenborn, Darryl Cherry, William Dusenbery, Shane Kessinger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The minutes for the March 7, 2019 meetings were approved as written.

REPORTS:
Acting President Fricke reported that she has had to miss some constituency head meetings and some have been cancelled. They had the first one today since December. There are new members of the Board of Trustees, and the meeting was fairly uneventful as far as action. The SIU President search has been delayed.

White reported that about 70 people attended the Social Security Representative visit, which was a bigger turnout than expected. The committee will look at doing the presentation again in the future.

The School of Education, Health and Human Behavior search committee has sent recommendations to the Provost for final decision. The finalists for the Associate Provost position had 4 people invited to campus, and the committee will wrap up in a few weeks.

Ticket sales for the Scholarship Banquet are low. The cost of tickets are $25 and include dinner, dessert, open bar, and a jazz quartet for entertainment. The ticket cost only covers expenses for food, and the silent auction is the primary source of income for the scholarship.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Ballots for the election went out on April 3 at noon, and the vote closes at 6pm on Wednesday. Links are tied to e-IDs, so constituents are asked not to forward their link. Push reminders will go out to constituents who have not yet voted, and announcements have gone up on the screens across campus. The Negotiated and Prevailing, Open Range, and East St. Louis Represented seats are all contested. There was no race for Administrative Staff Represented or Administrative Staff Non-Represented, so candidates will be elected by acclamation. There were no candidates submitted for the Alton seat.

NEW BUSINESS:
The changes to the Board of Trustees was discussed during the President’s Report.
ACTION ITEMS:
The Chancellor has selected Dr. Ann Popkess to be the next Chair of the UPBC. This means that she will serve as UPBC Chair Delegate for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and then as UPBC Chair from 2020-2023. While the appointment is made by the Chancellor, it needs to be ratified by the Staff Senate. There was a discussion about the position and her service to the committee. The appointment was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
The Refresh, Recharge, Renew Day that was to be coordinated by the constituency heads has been cancelled for this year, however they will be planning one for next year.

The SIUE Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day will take place on April 17. The theme for the day is a luau. The Bookstore will have a special shirt available and is offering 25% off for faculty and staff.

The Scholarship Banquet will take place on April 18, and Senators are asked to attend as well as donate an item for an alcohol package to be raffled off. Tickets are on sale through April 11.

Faculty Senate President Sorin Nastasia and Black Faculty and Staff Association President Lakesha Butler will attend the next Staff Senate Executive Board meeting on April 18.

The Employee Benefits and Wellness Fair is back, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Brad Hewitt, Director of Athletics, will be a guest at the May 2 meeting. Athletics is looking for a letter of support as they are going to be asking for more money, and he will provide information at the meeting.

The nominations for President-Elect will take place at the May 2 meeting. Nominations will open that day and remain open until the June meeting. Officer positions will be elected in June, including Constituency Representatives. Incoming Senators are eligible to run, and people can self-nominate.

Toberman will represent the Staff Senate on the Associate Vice Chancellor Dean of Students search committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
There was a discussion about the representation on the SIU President Search Committee. The people on the committee have changed, but there is no dedicated representative for staff labor.

Several committees are short on active people. Toberman pointed out that membership changes yearly, and everyone will be going through a committee preference for the upcoming year.

There are tentative plans to have an organizational meeting in July to review and plan so that the body can go straight to business in August.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Holbert welcomed everyone to the Alton campus. He expressed interest in incorporating a tour the next time the body meets on campus.
The MUC Board met on April 3. There will be a special at the bookstore giving a 25% discount to faculty and staff. The graduation sidewalk sale will take place on April 30th from 10am-2pm. Starbucks will be closing at the end of the spring semester for remodeling, but Kaldi’s will be open all summer. Chick-fil-A is looking at remodeling, the contract for Pizza Hut is up, and Dunkin’ Donuts is still coming to the library. Fixin’s will be going under a massive reorganization, and they are looking for feedback. The Cougar Cupboard is always accepting donations in the Kimmel Student Involvement Center.

**ADJOURNEMENT:**
The meeting adjourned at 10:01am.

Submitted by Anne Hunter, University Governance
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
III. MONTHLY UPDATES
   a. Officers
   b. Staff Senate Committees
   c. University Committees
   d. Search Committees
   e. Ex-Officio
IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. 2019 Elections
V. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Board of Trustees Update
VI. ACTION ITEMS
   a. Ratification of UPBC Chair – Dr. Ann Popkess
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. SIUE Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day – April 17, 2019
   b. Staff Senate Banquet – April 18, 2019
   c. Faculty Senate President Sorin Nastasia and Black Faculty & Staff Association
      President Lokesha Butler – April 18 SSEB Meeting
   d. Employee Benefits & Wellness Fair – May 2, 2019
   e. Brad Hewitt, Director of Athletics – May 2, 2019 Staff Senate Meeting
   f. Nomination for President-Elect – May 2, 2019 Staff Senate Meeting
VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
IX. PUBLIC COMMENT
X. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting of the Staff Senate Executive Committee will be Thursday, April 18 in the Magnolia Room, Morris University Center
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 9:00am in the International Room, Morris University Center