The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate Executive Board was called to order at 9:02am on Thursday, February 18, 2021 via Zoom by President David Balai.

Present: David Balai, Mark Ferrell, Angela White, Domonique Crosby, Denyse Anderson, Cindy Cobetto, Melanie Schoenborn Anne Hunter (ex officio)
Absent: Ian Toberman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The minutes for the January 21, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:
The Public Relations Committee has scheduled a webinar series with Counseling Services for March 8 and 9. Cobetto volunteered to serve on the committee.

Crosby reported that the System Strategic Planning Committee had webinar town halls with 25-30 people as well as an open comment session. The committee is moving ahead and will start asking for people to serve on the goal committees in about 2-3 weeks.

Balai shared that the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Committee is considering a picnic blanket giveaway in lieu of an in-person event this year. The Chancellor gave a budget presentation at the Board of Trustees meeting which included a 2.6% fee increase proposal supported by the University Planning and Budget Council (UPBC) and Student Government, however the Board of Trustees indicated they are very much against any fee or tuition increases. Without an increase, SIUE is about $5 million short; it would take 17 positions to come up with $1 million. UPBC has indicated there would be caveats for any salary increases, but the Chancellor is aware of the issue. J. Phil Gilbert’s term on the Board of Trustees is expired, and Amy Scholar’s position is still vacant.

It was noted that Grounds did an excellent job overall on snow removal, however Cougar Village continues to be messy and some students are snowed in because cars are blocked by cleared snow.

There were no other reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Anderson reported that one person has expressed interest in the vacant ESL CSNP/ASRP position. Names are being accepted through March 1, and a recommendation will be brought to the Staff Senate for approval after that.

NEW BUSINESS:
There was no new business.
ACTION ITEMS:
There were no action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Announcements were reviewed as listed on the agenda. Angie White will be submitted to the Staff Senate for approval as the appointment to the School of Nursing Dean Search Committee. The elections website is up and forms are available.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
The Public Relations Committee will work on a news piece about the Faculty for Collective Bargaining Scholarship winners.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Balai is advocating for the sunsetting of the travel ban as well as raises.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.

Submitted by Anne Hunter, University Governance
I. CALL TO ORDER
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
III. REPORTS AND UPDATES
IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. ESL CSNP/ASRP Vacancy (through 2023)
V. NEW BUSINESS
VI. ACTION ITEMS
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. Appointment to School of Nursing Dean Search – Angie White
   b. Counseling Services Webinar Series – March 8 and 9 from 12:00pm-1:00pm
   c. Staff Senate Election Petitions Due – March 22
   d. Staff Senate Elections – April 7-14
   e. Social Security Webinar – April 20 from 11:30am-1:00pm
VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
IX. PUBLIC COMMENT
X. ADJOURNMENT