The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate Executive Board was called to order at 9:01am on Thursday, January 20, 2022 via Zoom by President-Elect Keith Becherer.

Present: Keith Becherer, David Balai, Angie White, Cindy Cobetto, Denyse Anderson, Mike Hamil, Carolyn Jason, Anne Hunter (ex officio)

Excused: Mark Ferrell

Absent: Darryl Cherry

Guest: Deb Talbot

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The minutes for the December 16, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:
Open parking during break weeks will be available again, with the exception of Lot C. It will also be available if campus modality shifts back to online.

Information on the Faculty for Collective Bargaining Scholarship winner Courtney Vollmer has been sent to Marketing and Communications for a press release.

Becherer will be meeting with the Provost and constituency heads for Mark Ferrell.

There were no other reports.

ACTION ITEMS:
There were no action items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Anderson had an inquiry about the CSNP 2 vacancy. T. J. Riggs was serving on the School of Business Dean’s Review Committee, but he has left the University.

NEW BUSINESS:
Follow up on service recognition will happen once the new Director of Human Resources has been selected. The award ceremony was typically held in April. The committee for the Faculty and Staff Appreciation event is coming together now, and they are planning an outdoor event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
There were no announcements.
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
There was a discussion about the decision to transition back to on-ground. President Dan Mahoney and Chancellor Randy Pembrook made the decision; 95% of higher education institutions are back on-ground nationwide. Concerns about the timing and communication failures were noted. Level 3 masks were received and delivered strictly to the faculty with no mention of staff. Classroom distancing markers are gone, and classrooms are overcrowded. Many people are testing positive, and they have to use their own time to quarantine. There is frustration and mistrust in leadership. There was a discussion about cost of living increases for Head Start, which also provided stipends to employees from COVID rescue funds. It was noted that staff are stretched thin, and many departments are understaffed; many people are leaving the University and there is no one left as backup.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Submitted by Anne Hunter, University Governance
STAFF SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
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January 20, 2022 – 9:00am
AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
III. REPORTS AND UPDATES
IV. ACTION ITEMS
V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. Vacancies – CSNP 2, ALT CSNP/ASRP, ALT CSOR/ASNR
   b. Policy Review Committee Appointment
   c. Rules and Procedures Council Appointment
   d. Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Award Committee Appointment
VI. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Staff Service Recognition
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
IX. PUBLIC COMMENT
X. ADJOURNMENT