

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Magnolia Room, Morris University Center
July 18, 2024 – 9:00am
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate Executive Board (SSEB) was called to order at 9:03 am on Thursday, July 18, 2024, by President Doug James.

Present: Doug James, Kelly Jo Hendricks, Steven Green, Cindy Cobetto, Angie White, Sara Colvin, Ben Kaminski, Michael Tadlock-Jackson (ex officio)

Absent: Evan Lewis

Guests: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the May 16, 2024, meeting was approved as written.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

President Doug James – Attended BOT in Springfield last week; nothing too surprising occurred. Working on agenda for next week’s retreat. State Senator Erica Harriss will speak at 10:30 am. Lunch will be at noon—taco bar like last year.

Past-President Kelly Jo Hendricks – Worked on transitioning from President to Past-President.

President Elect Steven Green – Began cleaning up Teams pages for internal committees. Will work on assigning members on committees after the retreat.

There were no other reports.

SEARCH UPDATES:

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs – search will restart again. Mike Schultz has been forwarded as the Staff Senate representative. Have yet to hear from the Chancellor’s Office whether he’s been approved to sit on committee.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management – search will restart soon.

Dean for the Libraries & Information Services – search has been completed and successful. Marlee Graser has been appointed Dean.

Associate Provost & Dean of the Graduate School – no update currently.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Spring Scholarship Timeline: The Faculty for Collective Bargaining Scholarship is going to re-open through August 18 to award for Fall scholarship. Sara will send update to The E Today.

NEW BUSINESS:

At our August Staff Senate meeting, we will have two employees applying for the single Open Range Senator position, Jory Chadwick and Brittany Smith. Both were invited to the August meeting to give an introduction, and we will make the candidate materials available to members prior to voting.

James brought up the monthly Executive Board meetings, and whether a rigid schedule is necessary, or if it's okay to be more flexible based on if there are (or aren't) agenda items that month that require our input. SSEB members agreed that we will keep the meetings on our calendar as a placeholder, but Doug will reach out for agenda items each month, and if there are none, we will cancel that month.

The Policy Review Committee representation was discussed. It's important that each constituency is represented. SSEB agreed to have 3-4 members for each meeting, and to have members as backup in case there are some who are unavailable that month.

ACTION ITEMS:

UPBC Meeting Follow-up/Feedback: The May 1 UPBC meeting was briefly discussed. The consultant report from Wesley Peachtree will be distributed from the Chair to UPBC once received.

At our next Policy Review Committee meeting, we will discuss the recent changes to the Employee Excellence Program (EEP), which has received negative feedback from employees in regard to the SIUE Core Values page, where supervisors are asked to rate employees based on how well they score when compared to the SIUE values of Civic Engagement, Excellence, Inclusion, Integrity, and Wisdom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff Senate Retreat – July 25, MUC Legacy Room, 8 am – 1 pm

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. USS Retreat – July 25 – Legacy Room (MUC) 8 am – 1 pm
- b. Upcoming guest speakers
 - i. August Guest Speaker – Patrick Sears (Waiting for confirmation)
 - ii. September Guest Speaker – Bill Winter (confirmed)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance