

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE REGULAR MEETING
Mississippi/Illinois Room, Morris University Center
Zoom Meeting ID 945 0315 5890
April 4, 2024 – 9:00am
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate was called to order at 9:04 am on Thursday, April 4, 2024, by President Kelly Jo Hendricks.

Present: Kelly Jo Hendricks (President), Doug James (President-Elect), Angie White (Secretary), Cindy Cobetto (Treasurer), Sara Colvin (ASNR Constituency Rep), Steven Green (CSOR Constituency Rep), Julie Babington, Maria Ferrari, Amie Flatt, Mike Hamil, Cheryl Jordan, Ben Kaminski, Shane Kessinger, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Evan Lewis, Christy McDougal, Amy Miller, Tiana Montgomery, Dusty Rhodes, Trish Scheibal, Kat Wright, Michael Tadlock-Jackson (ex officio)

Absent: Keith Becherer (Past President), Tim Staples

Guests: Jennifer Cottingham, Jessica McCawley, Robert Newman, Jeanette Parmenter, Teresa Shipton, Stephanie Stookey, Nancy Sullivan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the March 7, 2024, meeting was approved as written.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Connie Collins, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, has been moved to the June Staff Senate meeting.

NOMINATION:

Lisa Mosley (Civil Service Open Range, 2027) – we will vote on her candidacy at the May Staff Senate meeting (she is out sick).

REPORTS:

President Kelly Jo Hendricks – Attended both Staff Senate sponsored events in March; recordings of both are on our website. Forwarded questions to Chancellor Minor that Staff Senate received for last week's Budget Presentation. Our first UPBC meeting of the term is tomorrow. Cleaned up the Staff Senate Teams channel this week.

President-Elect Doug James – There are a couple ad hoc committee opportunities left, including a vacancy in UPBC that needs to be filled. Updated staffing lists.

There were no other executive reports.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs: Zoom interviews for the semi-finalists will be the week of April 15. Finalists will be on campus the last two weeks of April.

School of Business Dean: a decision has been made and announced to the School of Business, but not to the campus.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management: search wrapping up soon.

Associate Provost & Dean of the Graduate School: no update.

Dean for the Library and Information Services: search firm has been screening applicants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Open Senator Positions – there are still several open senator positions in the following category:

- Civil Service Open Range – 1 position (2025)

Please consider sending out targeted emails to those in this constituent group.

Constituency Representatives: The Staff Senate members of the Civil Service Negotiated & Prevailing constituent group unanimously endorse Ben Kaminski as their Constituency Representative. Ben will begin sitting on Staff Senate Executive Board at the April 18 meeting and has been added to the SSEB Teams channel. Kelly Jo will speak with Evan Lowis (the only member of Administrative Staff Represented not already on SSEB) to see if he's interested in serving as its Constituency Representative.

Reminder: 2024-25 Staff Senate Executive Board Elections – May meeting
President-Elect

Spring Guests: VCA Bill Retzlaff and Craig Holan, FM Director – May; VCUA Connie Collins – June

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Public Relations – Thanks to Kelly Jo for helping to run the Social Security webinar. Will set up a meeting with Evan and Cat to discuss FY25 goals.

Scholarship – USS Scholarship winner is Justin Wright! Faculty Bargaining Scholarship – now open through July 15 for Fall scholarship award.

Fundraising – Chipotle Profit Share – April 29, 5 pm – 9 pm

Diversity Initiatives – Tiana Montgomery is the new Chair.

Policy Review – asked for a status on parental and family leave at the March Policy Review meeting with Carl Chambers, along with a status on the current makeup of the Office of Human Resources with the recent resignations. The next Policy Review meeting will be on May 13 at 10 am.

Staff Wellness – no update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April Board of Trustee's Meeting – April 11, SIUC

One Day, One SIUE – April 18, MUC Ballroom

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Days: East St. Louis – April 19; Alton – April 25; Edwardsville – April 30

HR Service Awards – April 9, MUC Ballroom

Commencement – May 3-5

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance