

**UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE REGULAR MEETING**  
**Legacy Room, Morris University Center**  
**Zoom Meeting ID 945 0315 5890**  
**August 1, 2024 – 9:00am**  
**Approved Minutes**

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate was called to order at 9:00 am on Thursday, August 1, 2024, by President Doug James.

**Present:** Doug James (President), Steven Green (President-Elect), Kelly Jo Hendricks (Past President), Angie White (Secretary), Cindy Cobetto (Treasurer), Sara Colvin (ASNR Constituency Rep), Ben Kaminski (CSNP Constituency Rep), Evan Lewis (ASR Constituency Rep), Mike Hamil, Shane Kessinger, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Christy McDougal, Amy Miller, Dusty Rhodes, Trish Scheibal, Kat Wright, Michael Tadlock-Jackson (ex officio)

**Absent:** Julie Babington, Maria Ferrari, Cheryl Jordan, Tiana Montgomery, Tim Staples

**Guests:** Steve Huffstutler, Maureen Bell-Werner, Michelle Black, Amy Bodenstab, Jory Chadwick, Mindy Dilley, Valerie Donahue, Kristen Durnan, Barbara Kane, Heather Knapp, Lavonia Lewis, Laura Mangi, Patricia Merritt, Matthew Miller, Robert Newman, Michelle Nickerson, Nancy Ristau, Tanya Schultze, Teresa Shipton, Jill Smucker, Brandon Stookey, Jacqueline Straube, Jessica Take, Deb Talbot, Polly Walters, Dylan Webb, Connie Wyvell,

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for the June 6, 2024, meeting was approved as amended to reflect that Shane Kessinger was in attendance.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Steve Huffstutler, Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology & Chief Information Officer spoke to Staff Senate, providing a general overview of ITS operations.

**REPORTS:**

President Doug James – Attended BOT in Springfield on July 11. Chancellor mentioned that we conferred 2,000 degrees in May. SUAA budget implement bill – vouchers for monthly payments for fiscal year. Thanks for all the help with the summer retreat last week. State Senate Erica Harriss was in attendance. She spoke about how legacy matters.

Past President Kelly Jo Hendricks – Last month was spent transitioning to Past President. Retreat went very well. UPBC is looking to restart soon. Policy Review – would like at least one represented of each staff category in meetings.

Civil Service Negotiated & Prevailing Constituency Representative Ben Kaminski – AFSCME members didn't receive their backpay yesterday as was promised. HR/Payroll is asking us to wait until the next pay period.

There were no other executive reports.

**Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs:** Search is about to restart a second time.

**Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management:** Search failed a second time.

**Dean for the Library and Information Services:** Search has wrapped and Marlee Graser hired as Dean.

**Associate Provost & Dean of the Graduate School:** Trying to get this filled by January 1, 2025.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There are two applicants for a Senator vacancy in the category of Civil Service Open Range (2025). Jory Chadwick, Business/Administrative Associate in Enrollment Management, spoke about his background at SIUE and his interest in serving University Staff Senate. Brittany Smith, Talent Acquisition Business Partner in Human Resources, spoke about her background at SIUE and her interest in serving University Staff Senate. After a secret vote, Brittany Smith was voted on as a member of Staff Senate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The issue of addressing pay treatment for unrepresented staff was brought up.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Public Relations** – Currently discussing a schedule.

**Scholarship** – Faculty Bargaining Scholarship – now open through August 18 for Fall Scholarship. Direct emailed eligible employees on 7/22.

**Fundraising** – No update.

**Diversity Initiatives** – No update.

**Policy Review** – Working on fall meeting dates.

**Staff Wellness** – No update.

**Elections & Operations** – Talked about the bylaws and constitution to see if anything needs to be updated.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Parking permits – Due by Aug 19

First Year Residents Move-In Volunteers – Aug 14 & 15 (University Housing)

New Discount Program Offering – Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Savings Marketplace

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

SUAA rep?

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance