

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Zoom – 945 0315 5890

October 19, 2023 – 9:00am

Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate Executive Board (SSEB) was called to order at 9:02 am on Thursday, October 19, 2023, by President Kelly Jo Hendricks.

Present: Kelly Jo Hendricks, Keith Becherer, Cindy Cobetto, Andrey Ayers, Sara Colvin, Steven Green, Michael Tadlock-Jackson (ex officio)

Absent: Doug James, Angie White, Denyse Anderson

Guests: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the August 17, 2023, meeting was approved as written.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

President Kelly Jo Hendricks – Huge shoutout to those who were able to attend the wellness walk yesterday. The weather couldn't be better. Will give some updates regarding UPBC later down the agenda. Started a Doodle to get folks to meet regarding passing a resolution for open contracts. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported NCERC for their anniversary ceremony. It was fascinating to hear testimony about how NCERC supports the community.

Past President Keith Becherer – Had about 18 people at the wellness walk yesterday. It was good to get the wellness committee back off the ground. The weather was perfect. Kudos to everyone who pulled off the Homecoming weekend. Ran into Senator Erica Harriss this week. Will be out next Wednesday for the SUAA conference. Hoping to get some updates regarding the pension bill.

Treasurer – Foundation has finished up with the Fall Staff Senate scholarship. Kim Monke's daughter, Lauren, accepted.

There were no other reports.

SEARCH UPDATES

School of Business Dean search – now that faculty is back on campus, we hope to hear more information. In a state of flux with committee, as many members want to be released.

Chief of Police search – everything wrapped last Friday. The committee met yesterday to give recommendations to Dr. Bill.

SOB Dean search – we had about 1/3 of the search committee that needed to be replaced. The search has been "extended," not failed. The goal is to have our Zoom interviews done in November, and on-campus interviews in December. The hope is to have a recommendation to the Provost in January.

Associate VC for Enrollment Management search – reached out to Dan Rosner in Housing, who expressed interest in serving on the search.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lauren Bartshe will be our guest for Staff Senate on November 2. SSEB offered questions for her, including: What is a general description of her work? On any given week, what does she do? What are some observations and opportunities you saw? What is her position going to intersect with the events person for the Chancellor's Office that was posted?

Hendricks provided a brief update on BFSAs, which accepted Dr. Harris' proposal to have its President serve on Diversity Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chancellor's State of the University Address will be held on Thursday, November 2 at 2pm in the Meridian Ballroom.

Hendricks worked with the other constituency heads to provide Chancellor Minor with recommendations for the next UPBC chair. Only three people have asked their names to be considered: Dr. Charles Berger, English; Dr. Faith Liebl, Biology; Dr. Edward Navarre, Chemistry.

The December Staff Senate meeting (December 7) conflicts with the SIU Board of Trustees meeting, which will be held in Carbondale. We will ask the full Senate next month whether we should continue with our meeting or postpone.

Staff Senate was asked to place someone on the HR New Staff Orientation Committee, so that we can have a voice in saying what should be focused on when we resume New Employee Orientation. HR would like to start New Employee in Orientation in November and have two per month.

ACTION ITEMS:

Profit Share Info/Idea – SSEB offered suggestions on Profit Sharing at local restaurants, such as Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle, and Texas Roadhouse.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Constituency Head Meeting – Oct. 31

Denyse Anderson's Retirement Party – Nov. 28, 3pm, University Club

Faculty & Staff Winter Reception, Dec. 11, 2pm, Ballroom – RSVP 11/17

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Do we need a December guest speaker? If we choose to continue to meet on December 7, we can have a shorter meeting to ensure that people can view the BOT meeting at 10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance