

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Magnolia Room, Morris University Center
December 19, 2024 – 9:00am
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate Executive Board (SSEB) was called to order at 9:06 am on Thursday, December 19, 2024, by President Doug James.

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

Absent: Christy McDougal

Guests: James T. Minor, Anne DeToye, Lety Lara-Cassen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration for the November 21, 2024 meeting minutes will be postponed until the January 2025 SSEB Meeting.

Guest:

Chancellor James T. Minor spoke to Staff Senate Executive Board. He started by stating that each university has its own culture, and SIUE is no exception. Dr. Minor wondered if it is important to focus on things such as trash cans; however, after being pressed by SSEB, he said that the price per new trash can was \$920.82, and we purchased five new cans. Dr. Minor spoke about the Grounds department's reporting structure changing from Facilities Management to the Office of the Chancellor. He said he doesn't believe this will be a permanent change but will continue until there is a sizable change within the department. SSEB had questions regarding this reporting change, including how it relates to the current CBA and how workers are being distributed among the three campuses, as the perception is that all hands are on deck on the Edwardsville campus while the Alton and East St. Louis campuses suffer. SSEB also asked Dr. Minor for an update on Lauren Bartshe's position, as she just announced she was leaving SIUE at the end of December. Because this was an abrupt departure and because Dr. Minor wanted to respect Lauren's privacy, there isn't a timeline in place for backfilling her position.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Due to time constraints, reports and updates were not shared.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

Staff Senators, especially Exec Board members, may need to complete Open Meetings Act (OMA) training – Waiting on ruling from SIUE Legal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Free Leadership Training (Dave Heth) – February 24-27
- b. Pay Transparency Law Takes Effect on January 1, 2025

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Upcoming guest speakers at full senate meetings
 - i. January Guest Speaker – Mary Zabriskie (EOA)
 - ii. February Guest Speaker – Collin Van Meter (SURS)
 - iii. March Guest Speaker – Mark Dochterman (ESL)
 - iv. April Guest Speaker – Miriam Roccia (VC Student Affairs)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance