

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Board Room, Morris University Center
November 16, 2023 – 9:00am
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate Executive Board (SSEB) was called to order at 9:01 am on Thursday, November 16, 2023, by President Kelly Jo Hendricks.

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

Absent: Doug James, Angie White, Sara Colvin

Guests: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the October 19, 2023, meeting was approved as written.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

President Kelly Jo Hendricks – Put most of report down below. Extremely busy time for search committee asks, along with the Dean review committees. Been fielding suggestions and going through membership lists by area to find willing candidates. Will go to BOT on 12/7 in Carbondale. Haven't seen Board Matters yet. Working with Sara Colvin, who was named interim VC for Advancement. John Caupert is retiring, so will have some vacancies.

Past President Keith Becherer – Been trying to find some people to serve on search committees. People are reluctant to serve because more and more searches have been extended. The first new employee orientation will be on 11/30, available for employees hired within the last year. Going forward, these will take place twice a month, the 16th and the last day of the month.

Constituency Representative, Negotiated & Prevailing – Sent out email about six weeks ago inviting people to apply to Staff Senate to fill vacancies. Thank you for putting together the resolution.

There were no other reports.

SEARCH UPDATES

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs search – a fifth candidate was brought in; they are not pursuing that candidate. The search will be extended ASAP.

Chief of Police search – they've identified a chosen candidate, waiting on extensive background check.

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 – just kicked off the search this week.

Director for EOA & Title IX search – job has been posted.

Vice Chancellor for University Advancement – Kelly Jo submitted four names for consideration to serve on search committee: no word yet. Job was posted yesterday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

University Address – BFSAs Response: shared the BFSAs response to everyone; blind carbon copied on the original.

Staff Senate Resolution – next steps: this needs to be approved at the December Staff Senate meeting. Should we make a roll call or by acclamation?

Profit Share Info/Ideas – possible dates/locations: Cindy will follow up with Buffalo Wild Wings first week of December. Sarah Kirkpatrick has a couple of suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was agreed to cancel the next SSEB meeting (December 21). If anything comes up, communicate on the Teams channel.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Constituency Head Meeting – November 28

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

BOT Meeting – Carbondale – Dec. 7

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

Staff Senate & Partners FMLA Panel Presentation, Dec. 19, Noon – 1pm, MS/IL Room, MUC

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

SSEB discussed potential guests for the Spring, which included: Patrick Sears, new Registrar; Jessica Harris – updates about Diversity Council and other initiatives; new Police Chief; Samantha Ray, new Director of Admissions; Craig Holan/Donna Meyer – FM updates; Bill Winter – budget updates; new VCSA.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance