

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Board Room, Morris University Center
February 16, 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, February 16, 2023 by President Keith Becherer.

Present: Keith Becherer, Kelly Jo Hendricks, Angie White, Cindy Cobetto, Denyse Anderson, Darryl Cherry, Mike Hamil, Michael Tadlock (ex officio)

Absent: Carolyn Jason

Guests: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the January 19, 2023 meeting were approved as written.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

President Keith Becherer – Listened to the Governor’s budget speech. The proposed budget includes a significant increase for MAP funding, as well as a 7% increase for higher education. Attended last week’s BOT meeting on our campus. Each Chancellor gave a general presentation regarding tuition and fees, but not an official request (we wait until after the Governor’s address). There were also presentations regarding enrollment trends. SIUC has spent a significant time regarding an enrollment plan. UPBC will start meeting for Spring 2023 next week.

President Elect Kelly Jo Hendricks – The new cougar logo reveal will be on March 27. The delay in the announcement was in order to get artwork made in time for the unveiling.

Secretary Angie White – Discussed the social security webinar that we usually host, and if it should take place in the summer rather than the spring. Kelly Jo will reach out to Ann Emmanuel—maybe SUAA can partner with us and offer to do most of the leg work.

There were no other reports.

Executive Director for Office of the Chancellor search – this search is in process. They are set to bring the top three finalists to campus in March.

Director of Intercollegiate Athletics – the work of the committee has been complete, and we are just waiting on word regarding who will be the successful candidate.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Hendricks discussed the upcoming Staff Senate elections. She worked with Michael to update the Staff Senate website with the information relating to the dates and the open constituency seats. Intermittent announcements will be sent via The E Today. As a reminder, candidacy forms are due back by March 29, 2023. They can either be submitted to Michael via email at universitygovernance@siue.edu or via campus mail at Campus Box 1151.

We are still receiving responses for the Staff Senate survey.

Becherer discussed the March 2023 Staff Senate meeting, which will take place on the East St. Louis campus. Michael will confirm the building and room number, and let Staff Senate know (as well as advertise via The E Today).

NEW BUSINESS:

The Spring and Summer 2023 Staff Senate scholarships were discussed. Sara Colvin will work with Cindy Cobetto in Academic Works so we can review applicants.

SSEB offered feedback for the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day planning committee. Among the feedback: make sure we offer good food options, be mindful of late shift employees, consider substantial prizes, and offer a voucher to late shift people who cannot attend the scheduled event (April 7, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm).

SSEB discussed the Staff Senate summer 2023 retreat and planning day. A half day on July 18 was discussed as a possible date. A location and meeting agenda is TBD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The April 6, 2023 Staff Senate meeting will take place on the School of Dental Medicine (Alton) campus.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock, University Governance