

UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE REGULAR MEETING
SIUE East St. Louis Center, Building B, Room 2074
Zoom Meeting ID 945 0315 5890
March 2, 2023 – 9:00am
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate was called to order at 9:02 am on Thursday, March 2, 2023 by President Keith Becherer.

Present: Keith Becherer, Denyse Anderson, Mike Hamil, Carolyn Jason, Jan Caban, Sara Colvin, Doug James, Shane Kessinger, Kim Kilgore, Dusty Rhodes, Collin Van Meter, Michael Tadlock (ex officio)

Excused: Kelly Jo Hendricks, Cindy Cobetto, Angie White, Darryl Cherry, Anthony Fearon

Absent: John Caupert, Jackie Hayes, Jared Loyd

Guests: Andrey Ayers, Angie Barclay, Michelle Black, Monica Brooks, Jennifer Cottingham, Rachel Garrett, Amy Luttrell, Christopher McCawley, Jessica McCawley, Jeanette Parmenter, Stephanie Stookey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the February 2, 2023 meeting was approved as written.

INVITED GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Tim Staples, Executive Director of East St. Louis Campus Programs, was unable to attend the meeting. Carolyn Jason provided a report in his place.

Jason also highlighted which tenants are in the East St. Louis Center, including SWIC. The SIUE East St. Louis staff works at 10 locations in St. Clair County.

REPORTS:

President Keith Becherer – Attended the SIU Board of Trustees meeting on February 9. The BOT voted on executive officers and made committee designations. It was overall a short meeting. Also of interest was Chancellor Minor giving an update on where SIUE ranks in regards to tuition and fee rates; any actual tuition and fee proposals will be brought up at the April BOT meeting. Governor Pritzker had his annual budget meeting, and proposed a 7% increase in higher education funding. Attended the press conference for incoming Athletics Director Andrew Gavin. Human Resources is bringing back the Annual Service Awards, with the date to be determined.

There were no other executive reports.

Executive Director of Chancellor's Office search – the constituency heads will have an opportunity to meet with the three finalists later this month.

There were no other reports.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

As a reminder, the upcoming Staff Senate election will take place on April 12, 2023. The following Staff Senator positions will be contested. Terms are for four (4) years, commencing July 2023. **FOUR (4) OPEN SEATS** for the Civil Service: Negotiated and Prevailing classification. **TWO (2) OPEN SEATS** for the Civil Service: Open Range/Confidential, Managerial, and Supervisory Exclusions classification. **ONE (1) OPEN SEAT** for the Administrative Staff: Represented classification. **TWO (2) OPEN SEATS** for the Administrative Staff: Non-Represented classification. Additionally, seats specifically representing the Alton and East St. Louis campuses will be contested. **ONE (1) OPEN SEAT FOR THE EAST ST. LOUIS CAMPUS** representing *either* the Civil Service: Open Range/Confidential, Managerial, and Supervisory Exclusions classification or Administrative Staff: Non-Represented classification. **TWO (2) OPEN SEATS FOR THE ALTON CAMPUS** representing *either* the Civil Service: Open Range/Confidential, Managerial, and Supervisory Exclusions classification or Administrative Staff: Non-Represented classification

NEW BUSINESS:

Because Staff Senate Treasurer Cindy Cobetto was unable to attend the meeting, a discussion about the Spring 2023 Staff Senate Scholarship was briefly discussed. Within the next fiscal year, we will work at distributing the scholarships at an earlier date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 2023 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day will take place on the Edwardsville campus on Friday, April 7, from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. For the East St. Louis campus, it will take place on Wednesday, April 19. For the Alton campus, it will take place on Tuesday, May 2. More details are forthcoming.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock, University Governance