Minutes
Wednesday, July 9, 2014
9:00 AM, Billingsly Boardroom


Member(s) Absent / Excused: None

Determination of Quorum: Sixteen of Sixteen active members present at the beginning of the meeting, quorum established.

Call to Order: R. Frossard called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes: A. Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes; S. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Administrative/Special Guest Comments: None

Committee Reports: R. Frossard called for Staff Senate committee reports:

1 Communications Committee – E. Bryant reminded Staff Senate members that pictures for the Staff Senate webpage will be taken after the meeting.

2 Elections Committee – did not meet.

3 Executive Committee – did not meet.

4 Legislative Oversight Committee – did not meet.

5 Staff Welfare Committee – S. McCoy discussed the upcoming community service event. Staff Senate will be sponsoring a food drive to benefit Ozark Food Harvest. Food donations will be accepted at the appreciation picnic (August 7), Homecoming (October 4), and Safe Halloween. Food donation locations are to be determined and will be announced closer to each event.
R. Frossard called for campus committee reports:

1. Administrative Council – did not meet.

2. Appreciation Committee – did not meet, but will be planning appreciation picnic.

3. Diversity Committee – on hold until Fall 2014.

4. Faculty Senate – on hold until Fall 2014.

5. Financial Stability Committee – no report. E. Bryant will be the new Staff Senate representative.

6. Student Senate – on hold until Fall 2014.

Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Committee Appointments
   • Communication Committee: Stephen Smith and Pam Hosp
   • Elections Committee: Kim Noll and Chris Owens
   • Shared Sick Leave: Melanie Epperson

2. Back to School Kick Off Celebration – E. Bryant announced that the Back to School Kick Off will be August 15, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The location is to be determined.
Anonymous Comments –

Staff Senate Comment Form

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Comments or suggestions:  
First of all let me say that I LOVE working for MSSU and I along with many others are very grateful for the time off and extra days that we get throughout the year that most private businesses don’t. Thank you MSSU powers to be! With that said, I Love the 4 days work weeks in the summer but has anyone approached President’s Council about changing the hours from 7:00am to 5:00pm to 8:00am to 6:00pm instead? We seem to not do a lot of business from 7:00am to 8:00am, it just seems that being open until 6:00pm would give people who work until 5:00pm the chance to make it over here to conduct business after work etc. Can we send out an employee poll?

- This suggestion has been discussed in the past and was determined to not be feasible. There are significant concerns for employees whom have children in daycare and evening events. Our summer hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. have been in place for years and have been advertised to the public. The offices that offer services to students have a substantial amount of traffic and phone calls between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Comments and Announcements/Guest Input –
- Chery Dobson asked how employees that are not Staff Senate members become members of Staff Senate Committees.
  - Each committee’s members are responsible for selecting a non-Staff Senate member for the committee when a vacancy arises. If an employee is interested in becoming involved in a committee, the employee is encouraged to contact the chair of that committee. If a vacancy arises on the committee, then that person can be taken into consideration for the vacancy. A current list of Staff Senate committees and the members is available at www.mssu.edu/staff-senate.

Adjournment:  A. Hughes made a motion to adjourn. T. Nickle seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:  Wednesday, August 20, 2014 in Billingsly Board Room

Respectfully submitted by: Patty Holder