Minutes
Wednesday, August 20, 2014
9:00 AM, Billingsly Boardroom


Member(s) Absent / Excused: Nicole Brown, Karesa Burr, Robert Frossard, Pam Hosp, and Alicia Hughes.

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

Call to Order: E. Bryant called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes: M. Epperson made a motion to approve the minutes; H. Arnold seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Administrative/Special Guest Comments: None

Committee Reports: E. Bryant called for Staff Senate committee reports:

1 Communications Committee – S. Smith discussed the improvements made to the Staff Senate website.

2 Elections Committee – C. Owens discussed that the winners for the Southern Service Champ Award have been chosen. Two winners have been notified, the third will be notified shortly.

3 Executive Committee – did not meet.

4 Legislative Oversight Committee – did not meet.

5 Staff Welfare Committee – P. Holder announced that 251 pounds of food was collected during the Appreciation Picnic and was donated to Crosslines of Joplin through Ozarks Food Harvest.
E. Bryant called for campus committee reports:

1. **Administrative Council** – did not meet.

2. **Appreciation Committee** – M. Epperson discussed how well the Appreciation Picnic went. The white polo shirts that were available at the picnic for staff and faculty are now available in the Card Services Office for those who did not receive one.

3. **Diversity Committee** – H. Arnold stated that the committee will begin meeting in September and that monthly lunches will begin in September as well.

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. **Back to School Kick-Off** – E. Bryant stated that the Back to School Kick-Off went well. There was a decent turnout and will continue annually the Friday before school begins each Fall semester.

New Business:

1. **Heart Walk** – H. Arnold discussed the Heart Walk that will be held in Leggett & Platt September 27. There are a few more teams needed from MSSU. If interested contact H. Arnold or L. Powell for more information. Vendor booths will open between 9:00 and 9:30.

Anonymous Comments –

**Staff Senate Comment Form**

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Comments or suggestions:

Would the staff senate please ask the administration to make the summer dress code permanent? This would have a positive effect for everyone at the University. Having staff dress in a "uniform" of jeans and a MSSU shirt make them more visible and more approachable to students and visitors. It is a benefit to the employee in the reduced cost of work clothes and in a more comfortable work environment. It could also be seen as a benefit to potential employees allowing the University to attract more candidates. As long as the phrase "when appropriate" is included in the policy there appears to be no downside.

- Not all departments are able to participate in the summer spirit dress code, so those departments may not be able to participate throughout rest of the year either.
- This is not necessarily cost saving to employees when you would have to purchase enough MSSU shirts to wear daily, which can be economically difficult for some.
Comments and Announcements/Guest Input –

- Jim Sayles asked if a President’s Council representative will continue coming to Staff Senate meetings.
  - E. Bryant stated that yes a member from President’s Council will continue to attend Staff Senate meetings. There just has not been a need the past few meetings when there has not been much business on the agenda.
- Jim Sayles discussed how the Financial Stability Committee had discussed having open books for the University. When will the financial books become open?
  - E. Bryant and P. Holder expressed that the open book system will continue, but may take some time to be fully implemented.
- Chris Owens announced that the Print Shop now offers colored printing. Matte and glossy print jobs, as well as print jobs as large as 13” x 19” are available. Email printshop@mssu.edu to receive a price quote. Print services are also available to staff, faculty, and students with payment only being accepted through Lion Bucks.
  - Sherry Noller expressed rave reviews over the print shop jobs that are completed annually for SBTDC (12,000+ brochures).

Adjournment: S. Smith made a motion to adjourn. S. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 in Billingsly Board Room

Respectfully submitted by: Patty Holder