

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Hybrid meeting – Physical meeting space CH 166 and Zoom

In attendance: Brittany O'Dell, Josh Jenek, Gwen Larson, Doug Cushenberry, Don Shaefer, Linda Parks, Stephanie Mohling Stites, Rebekah Curry, Shelby Clark, Carleen Dvorak, Tushar Walaskar, Justin Johnson, Eli Johnson, Joel Ewy, (next to Bethanie), Jaden Rahe, Maria Solis, Sheri Brooks, Katie Martin

President Josh Jenek called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Secretary Report: Minutes from May Meeting. Shelby Clark moved to approve the minutes; Don Shaefer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report:

- Staff Senate Presidents' Report – Report on President Hush's Leadership Team meetings
 - No meetings through May or June
 - Will move to once a month
- President's Council Meeting – No meeting this month
- Statewide UPS Group – No meeting this month

Committee Reports:

- Staff Senate Event Planning Committee – Cassie Dieker, Kim Gaines, Maria Solis
 - Josh: waiting on new budget for State Senate, perhaps later this summer
- Athletic Advisory Board – Jayme Gillund — nothing
- Faculty Senate – Gwen Larson — nothing
- ESU Tuition and Budget – Greg Larson, Stephanie Mohling-Stites
- Parking – Sheri Brooks, Deena Wilson, Kim Gaines, Saandy Sasidhar
 - Sheri Brooks reminded the group that her term on Senate is done, and she also leaves the Parking Committee.
- University Diversity and Inclusion Alliance —Cassie Dieker
- Satisfaction Survey Sub Committee – Joel Ewy and Doug Cushenberry

Josh announced that the next president, Lindsay Bays, will restructure these committees. Staff Senate is not represented on some university committees, so she will study that, also.

Old Business:

- June 22, 2022: Ken Hush became the 18th President at Emporia State University. We will be sending out a public thank you and acknowledgement of what Ken has done specifically with the

Staff Senate since he has been here, including his time as interim. This will be sent out on June 22, 2023, on the anniversary of Ken's becoming President. It will be sent on behalf of Staff Senate unless decided otherwise. Included in the thank you will be everything the Staff Senate has accomplished working with Ken in the past few years:

- o Invited to the President's Leadership Team
 - o Across the board raises
 - o Extra time off around holidays
 - o Holiday Bonuses
 - o Fridays off last Summer
 - o Remote Work Policy in place
 - o Funding for the following Team Building events for food and prizes
 - Fall 2021- Coffee(s) with the President
 - May 2022 - Previous year's successful Cinco de Mayo and guest speakers
 - June 2022 - Food Trucks on Kellogg Circle event
 - July 2022 – Happy Hour
 - August 2022– Watermelon feed
 - September 2022 – Sandwich Lunch
 - October 2022 – Fall Decorating Contest- 1st prize catered meal for winning office prize coffee mugs, 2nd prize Chocolates for 10-20 Sweet Granada, prize coffee mugs 3rd prize coffee mugs, Honorable mention prize coffee mugs
 - November 2022 – Cookie Delivery
 - November 2022 – Chili Feed
 - February 2023 – Pet Photo Contest
 - March 2023 – Goof Off Day – Food, Games and Prizes
 - May 2023 – Cinco de Mayo
 - o Josh would like all names from Staff Senate on it. We want to stay engaged with Ken.
- The Cinco de Mayo event went very well. Thank you to the volunteers who helped and especially to Maria Solis who hosted the Lotería event.

New Business:

- The leadership structure for the 2023-2024 term will look different.
 - o Josh shared that Lindsay would like a co-president for 2023-24 to help cover all meetings she needs to attend.
 - o Josh nominated Maria Solis as co-president. Gwen Larson moved the nominations cease and we vote on Maria Solis as co-president. Sheri Brooks seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Nominations and Elections for Staff Senate President for 2024-25
 - o Josh nominated Shelby Clark. Gwen moved the nominations cease and we vote on Shelby Clark as president for 2024-25. Sheri Brooks seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Doug Cushenbery asked whether there was any information about pay raises for the coming year. Another question was whether we would be able to have Monday, July 3, as a holiday.

Josh said there was no information on either issue.

Good of the Senate:

Other news for the Senate. An announcement was made that Sodexo is open for lunch, either in the Nest of HX, depending on whether there are camps on campus. The cost is \$7.

Shelby Clark moved the meeting adjourn. Carleen Dvorak seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.