

**UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE REGULAR MEETING**  
**Hickory/Hackberry Room, Morris University Center**  
**Zoom Meeting ID 945 0315 5890**  
**January 12, 2023 – 9:00am**  
**Approved Minutes**

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate was called to order at 9:02 am on Thursday, January 12, 2023 by President Keith Becherer.

**Present:** Keith Becherer, Kelly Jo Hendricks, Cindy Cobetto, Denyse Anderson, Darryl Cherry, Mike Hamil, Carolyn Jason, Jan Caban, John Caupert, Sara Colvin, Anthony Fearon, Anne Frosh, Jackie Hayes, Doug James, Shane Kessinger, Kim Kilgore, Dusty Rhodes, Nicole Robinson, Collin Van Meter, Michael Tadlock (ex officio)

**Excused:** Angie White, Jared Loyd, John Milcic

**Guests:** Andrey Ayers, Angie Barclay, Michelle Black, Charlie Blake, Monica Brooks, Chris Burcham, Jennifer Cottingham, Kristen Durnan, Xanthe Emerick, Nick Gianoulakis, Riane Greenwalt, Matt Miller, Christopher McCawley, Jessica McCawley, Jeanette Parmenter, Maile Reinhardt, Jill Smucker, Brandon Stookey, Stephanie Stookey, Nancy Sullivan, Polly Walters

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for the December 8, 2022 meeting was approved as written.

**REPORTS:**

President Keith Becherer – Attended UPBC on 12/15; Enrollment Management continued their presentation, which focused on the Starfish retention tool. Attended the “Always a Cougar” event on 12/15, which was a nice time for all. Participated in commencement exercises and sat on the platform party. As always, it was great seeing students walking across the stage to graduate. Attended the annual employee holiday party on 12/19—nice to have it back in person since COVID. Thanks to all who helped with the frozen pipes that burst during the holiday break. Constituency heads will meet with Chancellor Minor on 1/24.

President-Elect Kelly Jo Hendricks – Special thanks for Facilities Management for helping with the water damage after the frozen pipes burst. Enjoyed attending the annual holiday party. It was a smaller group that attended since we had it a week before Christmas; hopefully next time it can be held earlier in the month to allow more people to attend.

There were no other executive reports.

SDM Dean Search – the search has concluded. An offer has been extended and accepted. A campus-wide announcement will be sent out after contract negotiations conclude. It’s believed that this individual will assume the Dean role immediately.

There were no other reports.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

President Becherer officially recommended the following individuals to serve on search committees: Samantha Jones, Police Officer and former SIUE student-athlete, to serve on Director of Intercollegiate

Athletics search; Rex Jackson, Associate Director of University Housing, to serve on Chief of Police search; Sara Colvin, Senior Director of Development and Staff Senator, to serve on Dean for the School of Business search; Jackie Hayes, Director of Business Development at the National Corn-to-Ethanol Center and Staff Senator, to serve on Executive Director for the Office of the Chancellor search. Each of these nominations were approved by acclamation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The SIUE Staff Senate survey results were discussed again. Constituent representatives will continue to communicate to their constituents. Several people have said they are unaware which constituent group they belong in.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Staff Senate elections to be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Present-Elect Hendricks sent a draft timeline to the election committee for the 2023 Staff Senate elections...waiting to hear back on feedback. We will have the majority of the voting done electronically.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Illinois General Assembly scheduled to begin on January 11, 2023. The next SIU Board of Trustees meeting will take place on February 9, 2023 on the Edwardsville campus (in the MUC Conference Center).

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Kedra Tolson, Executive Director of University Marketing and Communications, and Carl Chambers, Director of Human Resources, will attend the February 2, 2023 meeting. Please send any questions you have for either to Keith Becherer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The East St. Louis Center recently lost their food vendor. The Director of Head Start interviews are in process, and should be completed by the end of the month.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock, University Governance