**Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, July 15, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**WebEx Virtual Meeting**

1. **Meeting called to Order**
   1. Attendance
      1. All senators in attendance except for Chris Blain, Ciara Newsome, and Chris Taylor
   2. Introductions.
      1. Everyone introduced themselves and shared their favorite vacation.
2. **Old Business**
   1. By Laws and Charter
      1. Table until next month.
      2. Met with Sean Culley from the General Council Office. Minutes of this meeting were shared with the Senate via email.
         1. He will do a draft of the Policy he is suggesting. This will be reviewed in the Governance & Membership committee before bringing to Staff Senate for a vote.
         2. Once the Bylaws are approved, they will be come part of Wright State Policy.
   2. Minutes
      1. No minutes to approve. All minutes will be sent out for approval to the appropriate people via email as soon as they are available.
3. **New Business**
   1. Executive Committee
      1. Shari Mikey-Boggs was unable to attend this meeting and shared an update with Michael via email
         1. Matthew Chaney the new Vice President for Inclusive Excellence was introduced to the campus.
         2. Dr. Edwards reminded everyone to have plans in place for return to campus. Earlier return to campus was encouraged, but the August 2nd deadline is still in place.
         3. Seth Bauguess noted 73 positive news articles in a row during June and July with no negative press.
         4. Facilities and the Covid Safety Team were recognized for their work with water issues, last minute changes in Orientation as well as return to work.
         5. Ongoing efforts for Admissions and Retention and Recruitment for the Fall. We still haven’t met our goals.
         6. Advancement held the first in-person event in 18 months. A Golf Outing raised $20,000 for scholarships. There was also a $30,000 donation for Raiders-Giving.
         7. Dr. Weber was appointed to the administrative work for the College Deans
         8. This was a very short meeting immediately before the Budget presentation to the Board.
   2. Committees
      1. New Survey to be sent by Frank Wolz later in the day.
      2. Please make at least 3 selections. All senators are required to serve on at least one committee.
      3. Please return survey by July 23rd.
      4. Goal is to have all committees meet and select chair of committee before the August 19th Staff Senate meeting.
      5. Any staff members can serve on these committees. If you know someone that would like to be on one of these committees, please let Frank or Michael know.
   3. Stipends
      1. 2 additional members of Executive Committee (Secretary-Elect & Treasurer-Elect)
      2. Limited pool of money for stipends. Discussion:
         1. Should we redistribute the funds that have been allotted for stipends?
         2. Should we request additional stipends to cover these additional positions?
      3. Who do we make this request to?
         1. Treasurer will Investigate how we request additional funds.
         2. In the past we would ask our liaison, nothing official.
         3. We need to develop a process to request more funds, so there are no questions in the future.
         4. A motion is needed to make a formal request for additional funds.
      4. What are the current Stipends?
         1. Michael shared his screen with the current stipends and Becca forwarded the paper to all Senators.
         2. Remember that all Exec Team members are required to attend additional meetings.
         3. One senator feels that all exec team members should get the same stipend since all have to attend the same meetings.
      5. Asking for extra money at this time for the University may be difficult
         1. May be good to point out we haven’t continuously requested extra money in the past.
         2. In the past, when requesting additional funding they were hesitant because that may encourage requests from across campus.
      6. Request to include Treasurer Report in future meetings.
         1. In order to see what resources are available
         2. If we request additional funds for Stipends, maybe we can also request funds for activities to boost morale
         3. Staff Senate 2021 Budget
            1. $7000 for stipends
            2. $500 for travel
            3. $500 for communications
         4. Assets from Fundraising are in our Foundation Fund
            1. Unclear how these can be used.
   4. Location of future meetings
      1. Looking for WebEx-enabled meeting room
4. **Open Commentary**
   1. Carol Bussey shared Staff Senate Buttons. They will be distributed at the August meeting.
   2. Connie Bajek asked for Wright State “Points of Pride” to share at the OSCHE meeting
   3. Lake Campus Report
      1. Christine Blain is now Chair-Elect
      2. Amanda Coffman is the Past-Chair – Lake Campus will now recognize Past-Chair to mirror Staff Senate officers.
      3. Any updates on Juneteenth Holiday for 2021?
         1. We will ask Shari Mickey-Boggs at our next Executive meeting.
   4. Mike asked for suggestions for Guest Speaker
      1. Matt Chaney has expressed an interest in speaking at Staff Senate. Mike will follow up with an invitation.
5. Adjournment
   1. Motion to Adjourn by Carol Bussey
   2. Seconded by Donna Braswell
   3. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.
6. **Schedule reminders**
   1. OSCHE 07.16.2021 FYI
   2. Exec Committee Planning Meeting 08.05.2021 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. TBD
   3. Exec Committee Meeting 08.12.2021 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. TBD
   4. Staff Senate Meeting 08.19.2021 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. TBD