



October 14, 2015 Staff Senate Meeting – Executive Committee
Minutes by Cody Case

- Chris Wallace, Senate President Report:
 - Met with Provost Jeff Vitter last week, 3 main issues discussed were:
 - Open and Carry policy
 - Smoking policy
 - Morale issues among Facilities Services employees
 - No noteworthy progress is being made on these items
 - University Senate Summary
 - KU Academic Accelerator Program has three open forum events coming up. The first on Wed. 10/20/2015
 - United Way campaign – changes in approach
- Debbie Forsyth – Professional Development Committee Report
 - The newly decided Jeanette Johnson Professional Development Funds Awards Competition will soon be announced, and the deadline confirmed this semester to use funds for travel, conferences, etc. by June, 2016.
 - Need to ask Staff Senate for permission for mini-wheat state tour, some ideas include:
 - Abilene and Topeka
 - State Capitol and history museum
 - Pharmacy school, Rock Chalk Park
 - Geological Survey No. Lawrence
 - Other potential events include:
 - Brownbag in November – on 150 years of history of KU
 - Commemorate Kansas Day Jan. 29, 2016 with event
- Paula Hinman – Treasurer Report: \$7202 – total funds for Staff Senate this year.
- Ola Faucher – Human Resources:
 - Open Enrollment Month – for changes
 - If resign or retire, insurance will now end DAY of RETIREMENT, so encouraged to do so the LAST day of the month
 - Fed. Dept. of Labor changing minimum salary amount to be dispensed potentially will strongly affect KU because many current KU employees are currently below that salary.
 - \$50,440 is possible federal minimum ☺ but unsure if/when it would go into effect.
- Steven Levenson - Personnel Affairs – No Report

- Andy Jackson – Elections:
 - Originally 52 senators but a few dropped out so currently closer to 48, which was anticipated number for senate merging transition.
- Cody Case - Public Relations Committee:
 - Website launched at www.staffsenate.ku.edu. Any comments or concerns can be sent to staffsenate@ku.edu.
 - Facebook group page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kustaff/>
 - Place for all staff to communicate, network, and discuss current issues
 - Good mode of raising awareness on current issues, promoting campus-wide and staff events.
 - Page is a PUBLIC GROUP where will request approval into group.
 - KU Social Media Guidelines are posted on Facebook page.
 - PR Committee met once in September and will meet again Friday, Oct. 23