



Staff Senate Agenda
Wednesday, March 16th, 2016
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Malott Room, 6th Level, Kansas Union

Call to Order

- 12:01pm

Approval of Minutes

- Ola submitted change to verbage concerning leave accrual policy. Debbie Forsyth motions, Mary Murphy seconds, all in favor, none oppose, approved 12:04pm

Reports

President – Chris Wallace

- Met with interim Provost Sarah Rosen. No talk of furloughs. Departments know about budget issue, more details to follow, no centralized cuts or budget reductions. Departments have their own say, information provided to Dean and Directors on Monday afternoon.
- Campus conceal carry implementation committee for KU Campus and KU Med to coordinate. Anna Paradis is the staff representative on the implementation committee.
- Thank you to interim Provost for letter of support for Staff Senate.

Secretary – Tim Spencer

- No report

Treasurer – Susan Shaw

- Reference handout. \$2,411.15 remaining balance. Will not carry forward, must use this fiscal year.

Legislative Affairs – Dawn Shew & Precious Porras

- No report. Committee has not met.

Professional Development Chair – Debbie Forsyth

- Committee met Feb 22. Planning Mini Wheat St Tour. Contacted by staff recipient of professional development award, did not attend conference, leaves \$250 available for use on Mini Wheat St Tour, in addition to the \$2,411.15 available in unrestricted funds. Debbie asks Senate to commit \$250 + \$2,411.15 to Mini Wheat St Tour. Planning on two 55 passenger buses, totaling \$1,800.88. Does not leave enough for tickets to museum (\$7 open tour, \$8 guided tour). If adding the \$250, could provide busses and museum ticket. Other expenses would be meal, picked up by participants. Greg moves to transfer \$250 remaining in professional development funds for Mini Wheat St Tour expenses, Terri Jones seconds, all in favor, none oppose, passed 12:08pm.
- Mini Wheat State Tour itinerary would be a visit to the Natural History Museum (which has a section on African American history), a 2 ½ mile hike, lunch at 11:30am outside Westridge shopping mall, visit the Hispanic historic district, short tour of the Capitol building around 3:00pm, then a tour of the Brown vs. Board of Education site.
- Lottery system for attending. Those who have not attended in the last two years will have priority, then remaining participants will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

Personnel Affairs Chair – Steven Levenson

- No report.

Public Relations Chair – Cody Case

- No report. Working with Andy on voting process and with Debbie on Mini Wheat St Tour. Emails will be sent out soon.

Elections Chair – Andy Jackson

- 79 nominees, 45 available seats. Bios on Staff Senate website are available for review. Found out yesterday that ballot is ready, with list from HR on those eligible to vote. There will be a login page. If eligible to vote, staff will see everyone running and available seats by job family category. If too many votes are cast for a specific category, system will provide an error message to voter. Thursday morning, March 17th, at 6:00 an email will go out for votes. Reminder emails will go out. Two weeks later on March 31st at 4:00pm voting will close, and an email will go out that day around 5:00pm with results.
- Thank you to all involved in the voting process.
- Operations family category does not have enough nominees running. Operations will be backfilled at the beginning of the new session. Once session starts, will be reaching out for interested operations employees.

HRM – Ola Faucher

- No report.

Unfinished Business

Legislative Affairs – Conceal Carry Statement

- First draft of conceal carry statement. Senators provide feedback on updating verbage, updated by Dawn. Question by senator on possibility of repealing law. Fellow senators respond that this law is a done deal, it's just the exemption that is to expire, and this letter will be our final request for change. Statement to be shared with Kelly Reynolds in Public Affairs, to be disseminated and shared appropriately. Question from Cody if this statement should be sent to staff by email with other notifications. Senators respond this statement is important enough to send as a separate email. Statement re-read for final review. Terri Jones moves, Susan Shaw seconds, all but one in favor, one opposed, approved 12:36pm.

New Business

- None

Call to Adjourn

- Motion by Tim Spencer, Chris Wallace seconds, all in favor, none oppose, adjourned 12:38pm

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Executive Council

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Alcove G, 3rd Level, Kansas Union

Full Senate

Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Malott Room, 6th Level, Kansas Union

Senators excused from meeting: Mishelle Denton, Kristine Latta, Kevin Liu, Margaret Mahoney, Amanda Ostreko, Robert Pogorek

Senators absent from meeting: Delores Barnard, Sara Crangle, Easan Selvan