



Staff Senate Minutes
Wednesday, January 18th
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
KU Visiting Center, 15th & Iowa

Rules of Engagement

Be on time

Be respectful

Ask questions

State your name for the Senate before initiating conversation

Call to Order

Brian Moss called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Cost Savings - Susan Twombly

Susan Twombly has been reach out to the various senates to get their input. She read what the charges are for this ad-hoc committee on Cost savings. They have a very large task and would like our input. They will most likely send out another survey asking for information in regards to cost savings. She asked input from our members. Several folks did get some suggestions.

Approval of Minutes – December 21, 2016

Will be approved next month

Reports

Elect-President – Brian Moss is filling in for Liz Phillip since she is at the KBOR meeting.

The weapon’s policy is having the finish touches on before it is posted. The Civic day is still being reviewed and is currently with the KBOR legal team. The staff tuition is being looked at the cost. They are still working on the chancellor’s search.

Secretary – Deb Deering

No Report

Treasurer – Michelle Ginavan-Hayes

Treasurer’s report for 1/11/17 Executive Council meeting

General Senate funds

\$4,702.00		general senate funds for FY17
	142.45	Funds spent for August KBOR USS meeting hosted at KU
	53.23	Anticipated FY17 Budget Rescission (still pending)
	23.84	Battery Charger purchase approved in Nov. Exec Council meeting (still pending)
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\$4,482.48		Current remaining uncommitted funds in general senate funds

Robert Waller made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, Mary Murphy second; all approved.

Professional Development

\$2,000.00	Provost funds specifically for Prof Dev
<u>- \$1,000.00</u>	<u>committed to fall PD travel awards</u>
\$1,000.00	Uncommitted/available for PD

Diversity and Inclusion Chair-Michael Chavez

They cancelled their December meeting and are working on rescheduling it towards the end of the month. He noted that the campus is hosting a lot of events on Diversity & Inclusion, one example is the Martin Luther King Day. For more information about these type of events, visit <http://diversity.ku.edu/>. Highlighted the upcoming Culture Competency workshop held February 23 for a half of a day in the morning at the Kansas Union Ballroom. Next week there will be an inaugural student summit, February 26th by the senates of equity. There was an announcement made about the election aftermath that will be added to next senate's minutes. Will also post on our Staff Senate Facebook page.

Legislative Affairs – Robert Waller

They meet next Thursday, January 26th. They are going over the senate code and revising the tuition assistant policy. Our policy does not include dependents, spouses or partners.

Professional Development Chair – Tanya Spacek

They are making good progress for the mini-wheat state tour planning. They would like to request fund from the staff senate. Tanya made a motion that that we give \$1500 to the professional development awards, Robert Waller seconded. Would like to offer a little more this semester up to \$500 per award unlike \$250 last semester. All approved.

Second motion Tanya made is to give \$2000 toward transportation for the mini-wheat state tour. Greg Smith seconded; all approved.

The mini-wheat state is usually held on Stop Date. Do we want to continue to keep it this date or change it? We do realize that Stop Day is a problem, so maybe after finals toward the last half of May, open for suggestions. They are meeting this coming Friday, January 20th to discuss where to go. Something to think about whether to collaborate with other schools/universities in the future?

Personnel Affairs Chair – Annette Delaney

The personal committee has been going over the HR policies which are included with this meetings packet material. They have two more policies, then they can go to Ola's office for their final review.

Public Relations Chair – Chris Wallace

No Report

Elections Chair – Andy Jackson

Andy has sent a request to HR in order to look into the statistics of KU staff to see if we have the appropriate folks in the correct departments. Will work next month on sending out communication about open positions on the senate. He believe they have 13 new openings at this time.

Brian welcomed our new senate member, Swatiti Pugler, a post doc student from chemistry.

HRM – Ola Faucher

Still working on work group to tuition assistance for the summer. Will come back in February and have more info.

Faculty – Amalia Monroe-Gulick

Still have not met since the winter break.

Student – Ryan Billups

Absent

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

We are curious about our meeting space for the staff senate. Do we want to have it in various locations or do we want to keep it at one place so folks know where to meet and how the set-up is for the meetings. Think about this because it will be brought up at our next meeting.

Call to Adjourn

David Day made a motion to adjourn, Andy Jackson seconded; all approved.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Executive Council

Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM, Alcove G, 3rd Level, Kansas Union

Full Senate

Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Kansas Union, Big 12th Room, 5th Level

Senators excused from meeting: Candra Brewer, Connie Jordan, Liz Phillips and Chris Wallace

Senators absent from meeting: Lee Ann Adey, Ryan Billups, Sean Festag, Jenny Flinders, Bruce Frederick, Clint Johnston, Kevin Liu, Precious Porras, Michael Wade Smith, Eric William and Huili Yao