• Chris Wallace, Senate President Report:
  o Met with Provost Jeff Vitter last week, 3 main issues discussed were:
    ▪ Open and Carry policy
    ▪ Smoking policy
    ▪ Morale issues among Facilities Services employees
  o 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
  o 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.
  o Need to ask Staff Senate for permission for mini-wheat state tour, some ideas include:
    ▪ Abileen and Topeka
    ▪ State Capitol and history museum
    ▪ Pharmacy school, Rock Chalk Park
    ▪ Geological Survey No. Lawrence
  o 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:
  o 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:
  o 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:
  o Website launched at www.staffsenate.ku.edu. Any comments or concerns can be sent to staffsenate@ku.edu.
  o 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