Call to Order
• 12:05 pm

Approval of Minutes
• Deb motions to approve, Steven seconds, all in favor, none oppose, approved 12:06pm

Introductions

Reports
President – Chris Wallace
• SENEX meeting yesterday. Discussed was open carry laws for campus, going into effect 2017. Adhoc committee being formed to address this issue, names not released yet.
• University Senate approved all charges for university committees. Elected new president for student senate.
• Smoking on campus issue this year. Ola is not present. Committee still meeting, waiting on implementation. Details to follow.
• Social media policy was approved by Chancellor, waiting on adjustments, waiting to see how Med Center and main university policies will sync. Med Center deals with HIPPA laws. Currently on policy library online, as well as Staff Senate code.

Secretary – Tim Spencer
• No report

Treasurer – Paula Hinman
• The Staff Senate has General purpose funding available in the amount of $4,702. Ola was going to check if HR would provide their $500 special allocation for professional development funding. The Education chair will need to contact the Provost's office to see if they will provide their $2,000 special allocation for professional development funding this year.
• We had $270 of carryover funds from last year related to professional development. The expenditure from last year’s Spring Professional Development awards of $270 was paid out on August 18th, zeroing out the carryover funds.
• This leaves us with an unobligated balance of $4,702.

Legislative Affairs – Dawn Shew
• Committee met. Discussed brownbag sessions, one for fall and one for spring. Fall to obtain feedback from campus.
• Spoke of new gun policy on campus, neither charge nor business of committee. Would like to improve education about the policy, meeting on Sept 29, Tuesday at 2:30pm. If interested in events, welcome to join meeting.

Professional Development Chair – Debbie Forsyth
• Tomorrow meeting at School of Business. Funds have been requested.

Personnel Affairs Chair-Steven Levenson
• Committee meets 2nd Thursday of every month at Kurata. Two meetings so far to discuss goals. Narrowed to five topics, would like to focus on 2-3. Topics are:
  o Notice of non-reappointment, clarify policy.
  o Expansion of transitional duty program, placed in a position on campus until one can go back to original job.
  o Employee index for new hires, after 6 months this information is not readily available.
  o Employee assistance program, don’t know what it is or what it does for employees.
  o Mental health awareness, May 11-17, 2016. Action for students, but not much focus on staff.
• Looking for input from full senate on what to focus on of these five topics. Greg mentions non-reappointment could be addressed with HR, just need information, so committee may not need to focus on as topic. Teri Chambers mentions letters of reappointment sent out last
week, questions on one line, second paragraph, mention that pay rate and appointment can be reduced, consensus seems to be was a CYA for university due to Kansas legislature actions from June, looking to gain clarity from Ola. Lisa Kreie mentions interested in mental health focus due to climate of the nation currently. Michelle Ginavan-Hayes mentions employee assistance program, would be interested in gaining knowledge and having readily available, Steven mentions this is an issue for night staff, very few knew about this. Greg Smith mentions IOA and ADA at HR would be a good place to start for obtaining this info. Jami Jones mentions that the ADA head is no longer at KU, looking for new hire.

Public Relations Chair – Cody Case
- Working on new website. Still under approval to move from Drupal to official, hopefully will be approved next week, cloned UPS website into new website. Updating links to policy code, PR committee meeting soon to go over website and update.
- New email address via staffsenate@ku.edu, provide feedback there
- Improving relating to other staff members on campus. MyCommunity brought up, current hiccup and should hopefully be released campus wide in November.
- Events for KU calendar and Outlook invites and semester newsletters, would also like to add Facebook events, including prof develop committee events, etc. Precious mentions that this would be great for visibility and can link other events to page. Dawn Shew mentions that staff who are on Facebook would see these events and info easier than accessing KU sources. Would create with new email address, and will do research on setting this up.
- References SENEX folder as tool for creating a handout for Staff Senate members, including policies, procedures, schedules, etc.

Elections Chair – Andy Jackson
- David Weakley resigned from Senate. #s obtained from HR reflect a 75:1 ratio, should have 45 senators, currently at 48 senators, will not have elections until this decreases below 45.
- Looking for co-chair for Legislative Affairs committee, Precious Porras self-nominates and accepts the position as co-chair.

HRM – Ola Faucher
- Absent

Unfinished Business
- None

New Business
- United Way kickoff next month, rep to attend our meeting and speak.
- Jami Jones mentions first meeting yesterday about campus climate taskforce, she is our rep, outlined charge and learned about process to measure campus climate. Will plan to report at every senate meeting with new data. Consultant coming to campus to guide through process for several years, will assist for future. Liz mentions this is a target point for Student Senate, focusing on diversity, and Jami Jones mentions that they are looking for diversity in this taskforce. Question on how much the consultant costs, Jami states that has not been disclosed. Diversity, equity, workplace culture, etc. are the focuses.
- Kean Cunningham mentions changes in parking this fall, forums are very informative. Chris mentions that this committee is speaking with SENEX first, and is addressing this issue from the top down, will disseminate information to Staff Senate once available.
- Janet Johnson passed away last week. Was active in unclassified senates, previous president. Easan proposes renaming professional development fund to Janet Johnson professional development fund. Easan motioned, Greg Smith seconds. History given on Janet Johnson, including her work with the initial unclassified senate prof develop funds and temporary furlough policies. Memorial service at 2:00 on Sunday at Corpus Christi.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (STAFF SENATE)

Oct. 14, 2015 Alcove G, 3rd Level, Kansas Union
FULL SENATE (STAFF SENATE)

Oct. 21, 2015 Big 12, Room 5th level, Kansas Union

Excused: Sara Crangle, Mishelle Denton, Peter Haney, Melody Lawrence, Emily Lee, Margaret Mahoney, Jill McMillan, Anna Paradis, Robert Pogorek, William Sharp, Kara Wozniak

Absent: Samantha Christy-Dangermond, Mike Denning, Ola Faucher, Jane Gnojek, Abbi Warmker

Keah motions to adjourn, Andy seconds, all in favor, none oppose, adjourned 12:45pm