

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Mt. Con Room, Student Union Building
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Present: Niki Wilcox, Casey Vanatta, Denise Herman, Kinsley Rafish, Tristan Sewell, Kathy Stevens, and Marcia Lubick

Absent: Marilyn Patrick, Frances Holmes, Peggy McCoy, Debbie Luft, Angela Stillwagon

Minutes: Vote to approve the September 19, 2019 minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

New Business:

Congratulations and Thank You notes: The remarks that the Chancellor made at the September 19th meeting regarding the importance of a hand written thank you note started a conversation between Kinsley Rafish and Tristan Sewell from Enrollment Services. They are now encouraging their department to recognize their co-workers and students with cards to celebrate accomplishments, birthdays, and extra effort.

Tristan suggested that we send a thank you note to Chancellor Cook and let him know how much we appreciated him taking time to attend our meeting on September 19th. Tristan will get the card and bring it around to Staff Senator's offices so everyone can sign.

It was reported that Chancellor Cook really does send out thank you notes. Dawn from Food Services recently received a thank you note from the Chancellor. In the note he had written that he has seen her working at Dining Services and serving at banquets and that he appreciated her hard work and dedication. The note was well deserved and really made Dawn's day.

Ask the Senate: (Casey, Frances, Peggy) No questions.

Pat on the Back: (Frances, Marcia, Casey, Kinsley) No new nominations.

New Employee: (Frances, Marcia, Peggy, Tristan) Frances is awaiting the candy so she can put the packets together.

Lunch and Learn Update: (Debbie, Niki, Kathy, Tristan) In light of the recent suicide of a Butte High student it was suggested that we should ask Cricket to present on this subject at a Lunch and Learn around November 7, before Veterans Day. Niki will check with Cricket and Denise will contact someone from the Out of Darkness Walk and see if she can get some additional ideas.

Several people have requested that we bring Marsha Goetting from the MSU Extension office in for a part 2 of the legacy planning presentation. One hour didn't give her enough time do the full presentation.

It was asked if Marsha had a positive experience presenting here on campus. Perhaps Kathy can talk to her and find out. As far as we know the MSU Extension Office has not sent a bill for Marsha's mileage yet.

Dinning Services has lost the First Right of Refusal for catering campus events. That means that we can order food for our Lunch and Learn lunches from off-campus. RSVP are important, is there anything we can do to encourage RSVPs. We had four people who had not RSVPed attend the last Lunch and Learn. It worked out only because Dinning Services served bread with nuts and we had four people with allergies not able to eat.

Scholarship: (Casey, Peggy) No report. It was suggested that perhaps we could have a Corn Hole tournament with a \$10.00 buy-in to raise funds for the scholarship fund. After a brief discussion we decided that we need to solidify what we want to do with the future of the scholarship before we start the tournament.

We have talked several times about turning the scholarship into a "Staff" Scholarship to help with staff development. Currently the scholarship goes to the child of a Staff member. The name of the recipient is not shared or announced. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Financial Report: (Peggy, Marcia) No report.

Events Committee: (Kathy, Peggy, Marcia, Niki, Frances, Kinsley)

Homecoming – clothing drive – donation boxes will be put out today and picked up on October 14. The posters for wrapping the boxes were printed by Marilyn Patrick, Thank You Marilyn.

Corn Hole tournament – It was suggested that we consider having a Corn Hole tournament ice breaker for the Staff Senate and Faculty Senate as we prepare to work more closely together. Kinsley will check with the Brewery to get more information on using them as the venue.

Shared Governance

Elections: (Marcia and Peggy) Nothing to report.

Bylaws Review: (Frances, Peggy, Angela) No report.

MUSSA Report: (Frances, Peggy) No report.

Staff Recognition Committee: (Peggy, Casey, Kathy, Denise) No report.

Newsletter Committee: (Niki, Denise, Angela) Please get your articles in this week. Denise and Niki will write the article on Taryn as Marcia has a deadline that she is currently working on and we want the article in the Fall Newsletter.

Old Business:

Committee Roster: Frances is updating the roster. Kinsley has volunteered to serve on Pat on the Back, New Employee and Events. Tristan volunteered for Lunch and Learn and New Employee. Angela volunteered for Newsletter and Bylaws Review Committee

Staff Senate Photo: Shirts have still not arrived and Senators traveling on campus business for the next two months. We will take the Staff Senate photos in December.

Status of Shirts: On September 5th, Peggy sent a message to members expecting shirts letting them know Universal lost the order.

Round Table/Updates: none.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., Mt Con Room of the Student Union Building.

**Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Lubick, Staff Senate Secretary**