





Mr. Dycus said the committee discussed concerns that meal reimbursement rates for travel have not been adjusted for inflation. He inquired and learned that the university follows the reimbursement rates set by the state of Kentucky. The state reimbursement rates have not been changed, and the university does not have plans to change the rates.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee:** No report.

**UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES:**

**Faculty and Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee:** Orville Herndon said the Faculty and Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee will meet on March 15, at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom. He will email the Zoom link to committee members and to Staff Congress members.

**Intercollegiate Athletic Council:** No report.

**Naming Campus Facilities Committee:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Lofton thanked the Staff Congress committee chairs for completing the Google form which asked how the committees are progressing toward meeting their goals and objectives. She discussed the responses received in the Google form. President Lofton will compile the responses into a document which she will share with Staff Congress members so they can share it with their constituents. She complimented committee chairs and members for their work. The goals and objectives for the committees were developed from the Staff Survey comments. The committee goals for next year will be

President Lofton has received many positive comments about Staff Success Week. She would like Staff Success Week to be scheduled twice per year, with a variety of topics. She would like some sessions to be offered for the exempt supervisory roles.

President Lofton said that Human Resources sends her a list of new staff. She then sends the new staff members an email to welcome them to the university. The email includes a link to the Staff Congress website and a request that the staff contact her or other Staff Congress members if they have questions or need assistance.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** The next Staff Congress meeting will be held April 24, at 1:30 p.m. President Lofton will try to reserve the meeting room in Wells Hall unless Staff Congress would like to hold the meeting in the Mississippi Room of the Curris Center.

Jodi Hanneman said the Zoom attendees could hear the meeting better from the Mississippi Room compared to the room in Wells Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jodi Hanneman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.