

Draft Minutes for May 15, 2024
Cumberland Room, Curris Center and Zoom

Present: Christian Barnes, Dedrick Brooks, Duane Dycus, Jodi Hanneman, Orville Herndon, Dayna Hutchinson, Matthew Jones, Trish Lofton, Jeremy McKeel, Audrey Neal, Kim Newbern, Tressa Ross, David Shelton, Kristen Swisher

Absent: Russell Dunn, Joshua Hutson, Sondra Kreger, Matt Purdy, Angela Richerson

Guests: Jackie Dudley, Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services; Courtney Hixon, Director, Human Resources; Mary Steely, Staff Congress member-elect; Dr. David Wilson, Staff Regent

CALL TO ORDER: Staff Congress President Trish Lofton called the meeting to order.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL GUESTS PRESENT:

Jackie Dudley, Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services: Jackie Dudley

Jodi Hanneman replied that the professional development award was issued. There were no textbook scholarships applications for the spring semester.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: President Lofton reported on the May 13 meeting of the Executive Committee. The committee discussed the staff breakfast scheduled for later in May. The committee was briefed by Audrey Neal on the Staff Congress grievance procedure. Ms. Neal will discuss th

Credentials and Elections Committee: Orville Herndon thanked Joshua Hutson for overseeing the Staff Congress Election. Mr. Herndon reported the results of the election, for terms beginning July 1, 2024. The results are also available online on the Staff Congress Election website.

As recommended by the Credentials and Elections Committee, Orville Herndon made a motion to appoint Kristen Swisher, one of the winners in the Staff Congress Election, to complete the remainder of a term of a vacant Staff Congress position. The vacancy was created when the representative categories were restructured. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Orville Herndon made a motion to appoint Brandon (B.J.) Johnson to complete the remainder of the Staff Congress position vacated by Dr. David Wilson when he was elected Staff Regent. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

The election for the 2024-2025 Staff Congress officers will be held at the June 2024 Staff Congress meeting. Mr. Herndon read the requirements to run for the positions. According to the Staff Congress Bylaws, President Trish Lofton and Treasurer Jodi Hanneman have each served the maximum number of terms in their respective officer positions.

Staff Congress representative Sondra Kreger, from Breathitt Veterinary Center, will be retiring from MSU and has submitted her resignation from Staff Congress, effective the date of her retirement.

President Lofton thanked Ms. Kreger for her service to Staff Congress. She thanked the Credentials and Elections Committee for their work with the Staff Congress Election.

Staff Recognition and Special Events Committee: Jodi Hanneman reported that the staff breakfast is scheduled for the week of May 20. She asked if Congress members would like to have a social event after work hours on May 30. Each person would be responsible for the cost of his or her meal.

President Lofton asked Ms. Hanneman to email Staff Congress members a Google sign-up form for the after-hours event.

Communications Committee:

made a motion to move the June 2024 Staff Congress meeting from June 19 to June 26, at 1:30 p.m. _The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Audrey Neal made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting