

Credentials and Elections Committee: Committee Co-Chair Orville Herndon reported the results of the Faculty Regent Election which concluded March 11. Phil Schooley will continue as Staff Regent. The percentage of staff who voted in the election was 49.a4

Staff Handbook Committee: Matt Purdy said the committee met with Dr. Wilson to finish discussing proposed revisions to the handbook.

Diversity Committee: Brett Shather reported that the committee has completed a draft statement which was emailed to Staff Congress members prior to today's Staff Congress meeting. The Diversity Committee will contact Human Resources and the IDEA office to gather information about diversity in the hiring process and how the process can be refined.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dr. Wilson said the Staff Congress Secretary emailed to Staff Congress the draft statement from the Staff Congress Diversity Committee. Discussion followed, including asking constituents for feedback prior to voting on the statement. Sondra Kreger made a motion to table the vote. Marty Anderson seconded, and the motion carried. The question was asked regarding where the statement would be sent if approved by Staff Congress. Dr. Wilson said that, if approved by Staff Congress, the statement would be posted on the Staff Congress web page and Facebook page, and forwarded to staff. He sent the draft statement to Dr. Bob Jackson and Jackie Dudley. Staff with questions may contact the Diversity Committee members: Charley Allen-Dunn, Dr. S.G. Carthell, Duane Dycus, Dr. Jessica Evans, Trish Lofton, Brett Shather, Dr. David Wilson.

Dr. Wilson said the Diversity Committee discussed how employees can support each other. He said the tabled motion can be brought for discussion at the next Staff Congress meeting. He reminded Congress members to inform constituents that the diversity statement is a draft. The Diversity Committee may revise the draft based on input received. Any such revised statement will be sent to Staff Congress members. Dr. Wilson thanked the committee members for their work to develop the statement.

Dr. Wilson said Staff Congress needs to develop a means for receiving input from constituents concerning item such as statements from Staff Congress.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Debbie Plummer made a motion to adjourn. Tim Williams seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.