

Draft Minutes for August 18, 2021
On-line Meeting via Zoom

Present: Charley Allen-Dunn, Kala Allen-Dunn, Marty Anderson, Christian Barnes, Kevin Crawford, Russell Dunn, Duane Dycus, Dr. Jessica Evans, Parker Griffith, Angela Guyton, Marion Hale, Jodi Hanneman, Sara Hardaway, Orville Herndon, Matt Jones, Sondra Kreger, Trish Lofton, Jeremy McKeel, Brian Purcell, Matt Purdy, Kendrick Quisenberry, Angela Richerson, Brett Shather, Brian Truskey, Dr. J. David Wilson.

Guests: Jackie Dudley, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services; Courtney Hixon, Interim Director of Human Resources; Dr. Robert (Bob) Jackson, University President; Dr. Don Robertson, Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Melony Shemberger, Faculty Regent.

CALL TO ORDER: Staff Congress President Dr. David Wilson called the meeting to order. He asked for a moment of silence in honor of Staff Regent Phil Schooley who passed away on August 15, 2021.

Dr. Robert (Bob) Jackson, University President: Dr. Bob Jackson welcomed staff to the start of the fall semester. In the last few days, the university lost Phil Schooley and Dr. Tim Johnston in the Bauernfeind College of Business. Phil was the longest serving Staff Regent. He was first elected as Staff Regent in 2009, and was re-elected for a fifth term in 2021. Dr. Robertson asked staff to keep Phil's wife Virginia, Phil's family, and the Johnston families in their prayers.

verified with university administration that he was able to give the statement on behalf of Staff Congress. Dr. Wilson and Credentials and Elections Committee Chair Orville Herndon have been discussing the process of addressing the Staff Regent vacancy. Staff Congress members can contact Dr. Wilson with any items they would like the Executive Committee to discuss. Interested Congress members may attend the Executive Committee meeting. He thanked the 2020-2021 Staff Congress Committee chairs for leading the committees. He added that Charley Allen-Dunn has stepped down as the Communications Committee Chair due to work responsibilities related to the university website upgrade.

Credentials and Elections Committee: Orville Herndon reported that the committee hopes to present at the September Staff Congress meeting, the timeline to hold an election to fill the Staff Regent position now vacant due the passing of Staff Regent Phil Schooley. The election timeline, as defined by the Staff Congress Bylaws, is a four to five-week process. Mr. Herndon noted that Phil Schooley joined Staff Congress in 2006, and later was elected Staff Regent. He is looking in the archives for pictures of Phil to post on Facebook.

Dr. Wilson said that Staff Congress members who receive questions about the Staff Regent election process can refer to the Staff Congress Bylaws for information. The Bylaws are available on the Staff Congress web page. Because no previous Staff Regents are on-campus, interested persons may also speak to Dr. Jackson and Dr. Robertson if they have questions about the Staff Regent position. Mr. Herndon added that resumes are not needed to run for Staff Regent. When the Staff Regent Election timeline is released, interested

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Budget Advisory Committee: No report.

Shared Governance: No report.

Parking Advisory Committee: No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Bylaws Revision Committee: No report.

Staff Handbook Committee: Dr. Wilson reported on behalf of Committee Chair Matt Purdy that the committee plans to present information at the September meeting.

Diversity Committee: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dr. David Wilson said the Staff Excellence Award information is on the Staff Congress website. Nomination forms are sent to Human Resources. The tentative plan is to present the awards at the December staff event. He asked staff to encourage their co-workers to nominate staff for the Staff Excellence Awards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. David Wilson referred to the information Matt Jones put in the chat regarding the scholarship established in the names of Phil and Virginia Schooley. Staff Congress can discuss if the group would like to make a donation to the scholarship from Staff Congress.

Matt Jones read a note that Brian Schooley, son of Phil Schooley, posted on his website. Mr. Jones encouraged those who are able to donate to the scholarship to do so. Interested persons can make an individual donation to the scholarship or they can send their donations to Staff Congress Treasurer Trish Lofton who will present the donations as a gift from Staff Congress.

Dr. Wilson said that after discussion, the Staff Congress Executive Committee recommends the meetings continue to be held via Zoom for the next few months. The Executive Committee will discuss the possibility of holding meetings in-person and over Zoom simultaneously.

Informational Items: The next Staff Congress meeting is scheduled for September 15, via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: Marion Hale made a motion to adjourn. Trish Lofton seconded, and the motion carried.