

**Staff Senate General Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2020**  
**12:00pm, Google Hangouts**

Call to Order and Roll Call; Consider, February 12 minutes for approval

Attending: Ben Tucker, Sarah Johnson, Jason Rotchstein, Tina McLeod, Carol Odland, Mike Pastore, Bridget Janson, Fred Creek, Jamie Spaine, Lee Ann Packard, Sabrina Shepard, Moe Stephens, Erin Ruff, Aubrey Shelton, Greg Pfeiffer, Jenee James, Jessica Hartenstine, Krista Johnson, Theresa Giddens, Derek Beuning, Landon Wade, Megan Gessel, Mushawn Knowles, Cindy Matern, Rachel Sizer-Williams, Kelli Delaney, Jake Nelko, Heather Bailey, Jason Rotchstein, Heather Bailey, Tina McLeod, Mary Powell, Sage Haynes Matthew Dammes, Megan Gessel, Mushawn Knowles, Cindy Matern, Frank McNeilly, Emily Mullins, Deborah Hope, Emily Holloway

**Guests:**

- Dave Wright, University Chaplain  
Dave talked about Bjorn Johnson's unexpected passing on April 14 and shared some words from the campus community sent to Dave.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

- Questions/Comments on Staff Senate Officer Reports
- Faculty Senate, Megan Gessel  
Faculty is going through election. First session of summer will be remote. Credit/no credit policy will continue for the first summer session.
- ASUPS, Mushawn Knowles  
ASUPS has done 2 rounds of emergency funds. ASUPS is looking into supporting other student populations on campus, such as grad students. Today is Mushawn's last senate meeting as the ASUPS president. The student body is in disarray and feeling the weight of the world. Marginalized student populations have struggled greatly with the transition to remote learning
- Human Resources, Cindy Matern  
HR has been working on keeping up on legislation from either the federal or state govt. HR gets a lot of questions, and HR doesn't necessarily have enough guidance yet with inquiries such as how the CARES act impacts unemployment eligibility. For SRE: any discretionary spending must be approved in advance by cabinet.

**Old Business:**

- Staff Senate Officer and Committee Reports Sharing  
Ben discussed report sharing at beginning of meeting
- Other Business

**New Business:**

- An Update of Senate Elections  
E & G has decided that elections should be postponed due to complications of COVID-19. Motion to postpone elections and extend staff senate service by one year passed unanimously.
- Book Scholarship Funding Allocation

On April 1, SRE committee met to discuss cancelation of spring basket raffle. Since the funds were not raised for the raffle, discussion occurred with the book scholarship funding. Committee decided whether to proceed with a smaller amount of book scholarships, or to roll the funds over to 2021. The majority voted to roll funds over to 2021. Special Events motions to roll over book scholarship funds to next year. Motion passes unanimously.

- Senate Suggestions for Cabinet Regarding Budget Shortfall Planning  
Discussion occurred around budget guiding principles and possibility about adding a specific line item for staff.
- Senate Suggestions for BOT Report Content  
Discussion occurred around what might happen if the university has to start making cuts to salaries or staff positions. Recognition of essential staff and the work they've done during COVID-19.
- Other Business

**Public Comment: (5 minutes)**

**Announcements**

Adjourn at 1:20 p.m.