

## **Staff Senate October Meeting**

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Senate Chamber

9:30 am – 10:30 am

### **1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order - 9:35 AM**

### **2. Old Business**

Approve September Minutes

Motioned – Steve Booth; Seconded – Vickie Peters

### **3. New Business**

- a. Guest Speaker – Darren Wibberding, Jr., Associate Dean of Students – Student Academic Success, Director - Office of Student Accountability
  - i. There was a presentation about the procedures on the current code and proposed code.
  - ii. Currently 1 faculty member, 1 staff member and 1 student on the hearing committee.
  - iii. Will this be pulled from Staff Senate or the entire Staff population? Still in the planning.
  - iv. Meeting schedule? Looking into either an ad hoc committee or a regularly scheduled committee.
- b. Recap Breakfast Meeting with Dr. Rudd
  - i. Dr. Rudd said that he not signing a contract.
  - ii. Mid-South Pride event – A constituent emailed and asked if the UofM will have something official for the Pride event. The President said that he will work on having dedicated funded student organization. Alison Brown suggested that we have a staff member dedicated to an organization like our peer institutions.
  - iii. Contract workers/Vendors driving on pedestrian walkways.
  - iv. Scooters – Maybe have a dedicated lane and/or parking area(s).
  - v. Followed up about Advisors – They are still figuring out the best way to allocate the funds.
  - vi. Retroactive raise – Why did we not get retroactive raises as we have previously? Meghan Cullen said that she will talk to Raajkumar Kurapati.
  - vii. Meghan asked how do the departments get the certain amount of money to distribute for raises? The President said that it is a percentage of the base budget and the money is divvied to everyone.
  - viii. Talked about going to state legislature – He will pay for individuals to go the state legislature to talk about staff funding. She will be talking to Ted Townsend and Stephanie Beasley.
  - ix. Talked about LGBTQ community – Individuals on campus can now change gender and name in our system. We have been informed to talk to Tammy Hedges to get the LGBT website updated.
  - x. Middle School – We signed a contract for a church on Park and Goodlett to get the Middle School going.
  - xi. Physical Therapy School – Will come into existence within 3 years in Jackson, TN.

### **4. Call for Questions/Concerns**

Food Drive – Frankie Perry, Cody Clinton and Alison Brown will be meeting. December 5<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date.

### **5. Adjourn**

Motioned – Fredricka Cowley; Seconded – Mark Patterson

### **6. Important Dates**

**Faculty Senate October Meeting** – Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 2:40 – 4:30