

Staff Association Meeting/Updates (via ZOOM)

June 15, 2021 (rescheduled from June 10th)

Minutes

Heather called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. 16 staff members were in attendance (Teresa Agnes took minutes)

Terms of Senate Members-Proposed Change

Current:

- Senate membership shall be for a two (2) year term with approximately ½ of the members selected each April.
- Terms of senators begin in May and filled annually, thereafter.

Proposed change:

- Senate membership shall be for a two (2) year term.
- Terms of senators who begin during months of May-October begin their membership term from the previous May; senators starting during months of November-April complete the term of the previous senator and term begins the following May. (Ex: Lucy starts September 2020 so her term is May 2020-May 2024)

Connie Kaldor made a motion to allow the proposed change. David Moeller seconded the motion. No one opposed. Motion carried and will move on to the President to get the bylaws changed.

Staff Senate Updates

- Spring Break Care Packages->Fall Food Drive
 - It has decreased in the past 2 years.
 - There is a food pantry on campus to provide for the students in need.
- Adopt-a-Highway
 - This has been successful.
 - Our next one will be in the fall-most likely September before Farmer's Bowl.
- Farmer's Bowl Parade
 - With so many things going on, Staff Senate will not be organizing a float.
 - Staff Association Float? If someone other than staff senate gets it going.
- Comet Pride Scholarships
 - Retiring the Comet Buttons-1/2 price
 - "Best Seat in the House" will still go on
 - Business Casual/Jeans on Fridays still approved
 - New Fundraising Initiatives
 - Kickball Tournament-Homecoming Weekend
 - Other ideas are welcome

Results from the Staff Senate Survey-What Staff Want

- Comet Pride Scholarship Fundraising Ideas
 - Raffle
 - Form of Denim Days-pay to wear jeans on Fridays, but simpler than the buttons: Purchase the “right to wear jeans and Comet gear” on any day we choose
 - Soapbox-\$1/minute to rant, praise, or just talk without interruptions: rules would be enforced, such as no topics that political, work related, etc.
- Topics to address in the near future
 - Lack of office space
 - Campus Updates-Aesthetics (fake, dusty trees)
 - Pay
 - Email etiquette: what are justifiable response times in the office? *Expectations are still high since returning to office vs. working from home where expectation was to be reached promptly.
 - Condition of the west/east parking lots
 - Mud/ice right in front of entrance
 - No parking lines, makes for congested/blocked cars
- Preferred communication is still **Email**: Outlook event reminders suggested
- Staff Senate Events: How Often
 - Most votes were: Monthly
 - 2nd most were: per semester
 - 3rd most were: other
- Staff Senate Future Event Ideas:
 - Summer BBQ
 - Pizza Party
 - Doggy Yoga
 - Bi-weekly 10 min yoga/stretch
 - Simple treats and greets
 - Speakers like Nicole Phillips
 - Meet/greet for new hires
 - Chair massages

Staff Senate Webpage:

<https://www.mayvillestate.edu/about-msu/information-employees-and-students/staff-senate/>

We always welcome comments, concerns, and/or suggestions.

Heather thanked all for attending!

Meeting adjourned. (12:16 pm)