

## **February Staff Senate Minutes**

The MSU Staff Senate met on February 8, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in Dillard Room 274. Members present included Michael Mills, Ashley Hurst, Anna Daugherty, Zach Zoet, Shane Perry, Sara Connolly, Kristin Grassi, Mickie Loggins, Albert Jimenes, Ronnie Wherry, Tamare McDuffie, Armando Munis . Not present Phillip King. We had three visitors.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Michael Mills. No Meeting in January.

**Guest Speaker:** none

**Make a Difference Award:** None were submitted this month

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes were approved as written. Ashley Hurst made the motion to approve and Zach Second.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence received.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Staff Senate Executive Committee (Michael, Phillip, Courtney, Anna)** –prepping agenda
- **Leadership Advisory Group (Anna)** – They are the former Board of Regents, Met Monday and Chancellor Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D. and Interim President Dr.Keith Lamb, Ph.D. will present faculty awards.
- **Administrative Council (Michael)** – Still have not met.
- **Student Affairs (Michael)** – Did meet with Interim President Dr. Lamb, PH.D. there is a lot more to come.
- **Faculty Senate (Anna)** – Dr. Lamb said there is a lot more to come.
- **Academic Council (Michael)** – Ashley Hurst will attend Academic Council for Staff Senate
- **Budget Oversight** – last meeting in December of 2022. Legislative bills & formula funding.
- **Long Range Review and Planning Committee–** (Zach & Ashley) MSU staff/employee discounts, retail business in the community to give MSU discounts
- **Membership Committee** – No News to Report
- **Communications Committee** – (Shane) Tik Tok, state ban & state business how to regulate
- **By-Laws Committee** – No News to Report
- **Scholarship Committee** – (Sara & Mickie) Five \$250 spring scholarships awarded.

### **Discussion:**

- Discussed- **Leadership Advisory Group**, Chancellor Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D. and Interim President Dr.Keith Lamb, Ph.D. Faculty Achievement honors/awards on teaching & research, February 13, 2023 @ 1:15pm Clark Student Center Atrium.
- Discussed-**Budget oversight**, End of April/May we will see how our state funding works out (formula funding), Higher Education hopefully will receive a bigger bump in funding.
- Discussed-**Long Range Review & Planning Committee, Staff Incentive**- have good feedback and working list of community discounts for MSU employees, still actively working on.

- Discussed- **Communications**- Tik Tok state ban or state related business. How to regulate. If you are using personal cell phones to check MSU state emails you cannot have/use Tik Tok on your phone, working on a plan of action and possible policy change update.
- Discussed-**Scholarships**-we have five \$250, staff will be notified by email on February 10, 2023.
- Discussed- **New Business**-General University Updates: On February 8, 2023 Dr. Lamb met in Austin TX.- Committee of Finances, he will attend our March 8 meeting with more updates. Also, Dr. Mazachek came in August 2022 as MSU president and has now left, Dr. Lamb interim president feels we are moving in the right direction and will continue to move forward in a positive direction with what has been set in place. Enrollment Management: potentially doing this in April, should be a combination of people.
- Discussed-**Guest Speaker- Dr. Keith Lamb Ph. D.** March 8, 2023
- Discussed- **Next Meeting**- scheduled meeting is March 8, 2023

Adjourned: 3:54 p.m.