

Staff Association Minutes

January 9, 2019, 3:00pm

Blum Union Junior College Room

Senators Present: Kathy Kelly, Shelle Browning, Jessica Poet, Jessica Frogge, Nicki Robertson, Louise Mills, Kathy Gammon, Derek Evans, Hawley Rumpf, Andrea Collins-Keller, Betsy Wright

Senators Absent: Marissa Steimel, Fred Nesslage, Jena Williams, Barb Harris, Lisa May

Staff Present: Michelle Diaz, Colette Weipert, Teresa Crist

Invited Guests: Dr. Vartabedian, President
Dr. Davenport, Interim Provost

Dr. Vartabedian Report:

- Class starts on Monday, 1/14/19
- KC Chiefs negotiations, 1 year extension, "No Strings Attached," 2019 camp is at MWSU
- Steve Johnston started as external relations, replaced Brandt Shields. Steve's normal working hours will be 20 hours a week, Monday through Thursday. Please be mindful of that moving forward (currently Steve is working every day, all day, but should be into his normal routine soon)
- Unusually high number of administration searches in 2019
- Liberal Arts & Science Dean, Dr. Nabors, is going to teach in Biology
- Western Institute – Dr. Gordon Mapley retired and will work part-time work from distance; Melody Smith is taking care of day-to-day operations; no search started yet, possible restructuring of Western Institute
- Professional Studies & Graduate School Dean – Dr. Ben Caldwell is taking a job elsewhere; will not conduct an external search, only an internal search
- VP of Financial Planning – Dr. Cale Fessler took another job; national search to fill the position; Carey McMillian will be the interim in the meantime; Dr. Logan Jones is the chair of search committee for Cale's replacement

Dr. Davenport Report:

- Enrollment positive for spring semester; slightly up from last spring
- Thank you to everyone involved in winter commencement
- Talked about IT and IMC and what their roles are and how there's confusion about who to call for various issues; looking at potential restricting with what makes sense
- MWSU will participate in Great Northwest Days, Feb. 4th & 5th

Old Business

- The November minutes were approved with changes.

Committee Reports

- *Salary & Fringe*
 - GAC proposal for parental leave – See February 2019 minutes for clarification on this topic.
- Constitution & By-laws
 - No report
- Welcoming
 - Welcomed new employees
- Election
 - No report
- Grievance
 - No report
- Professional Development
 - No report
- Special Events
 - Had successful winter retreat - raised \$1060 for Kaden's Klost (1/2 will go to St Joseph location and ½ to Troy, KS location)
 - Thank you to committee members for their hard work on the winter retreat
- Advantage
 - Wrap up from Adopt A Griffon Event – families were overwhelmed and excited; \$1100 raised, items & Walmart gift cards bought
 - Two original families were adopted plus three students, because of everyone's generosity one additional family was able to be adopted.

President's Report – (given by Kathy Kelly in Fred's absence)

- Fred interim while Mark Mabe is gone, won't affect staff president position
- President search applications closed on 1/8/19 and committee meeting on Monday and Friday to narrow down to top 8-10 candidates

First Vice President's Report – Kathy Kelly

- No report

Other Business/Open Discussion/Announcements

- Center for Teaching and Learning – Jessica Poet chair of fall programming committee, requests suggestions for professional development interest; send emails to Jessica

Mark your calendars: Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 13th, at 3:00pm in Blum Union JCR.