University Staff Senate

October 17, 2023 | 3:30pm-5:00pm | RSC 142 Harvest Room

1. **Call to Order**
   1. Approval of Minutes
   2. Committee Reports/Updates – Submitted in advance.
2. **New Business**
   1. Vicki Whisenhant, Chief HR Officer
3. **Old Business/Reminders**
   1. Recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee on Scholarships
      1. Overall recommendation is to continue with the scholarship program with some minor structural changes.
      2. See separate document outlining specifics and recommendations.
   2. Stock the Shocker Support Locker Challenge
      1. Jason and faculty senate president Jo Dowling met on September 26 to develop the faculty-staff challenge plan. The competition will run October 23 through November 10. Announcements will begin running in WSU Today near the October 23 start date and running through the end of the competition.
      2. Jo is currently working on confirming drop-off locations on campus—we are tentatively planning on drop locations in 13 campus buildings. Boxes will be distributed on October 20. Each location will have two boxes: one labeled for staff donations, and one labeled for faculty donations.
      3. UPD will pick up the boxes on November 13 and deliver them to Grace Wilkie Hall. All senators are invited to assist with counting items on November 13 from 2:30-3:30pm in Grace Wilkie Hall.
4. **Committee Updates - Provided in Advance**
   1. **Senate Committees**
      1. **Awards and Recognition** 
         1. No updates.
      2. **Communication and Website**
         1. No updates.
      3. **Elections**
         1. No updates.
      4. **Policy Review**
         1. No updates.
      5. **Professional Development and Service**
         1. Staff Senate Social scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the RSC Ballroom.
            1. The main purpose of the event is for staff members to be able to meet their assigned senators while also spending time meeting and interacting with other staff members around campus. During the event, we will be having a charcuterie board and beverages for everyone to enjoy. We will also have various icebreakers and activities for everyone attending to participate within.
      6. **Ad Hoc Committee on Scholarships**
         1. See above in old business.
   2. **Campus/University Business Meeting Updates**
      1. **Academic Forum**
         1. No updates.
      2. **Budget Advisory Committee**
         1. No updates.
      3. **Human Resources Meeting (Joint with Faculty Senate Reps)** 
         1. No updates.
      4. **KBOR Briefing**
         1. No updates.
      5. [**Legislative Update**](https://www.wichita.edu/administration/government_relations/updates.php)
         1. No updates.
      6. **President One-on-One**
         1. No updates.
      7. **Provost One-on-One**
         1. No updates.
      8. **RSC Board of Directors**
         1. Johny Buchanen-Spachek has been appointed as the senate representative on the RSC Board of Directors.
      9. **Traffic and Parking Appeals**
         1. No updates.
      10. **UPS/USS President’s Council (KBOR)** 
          1. No updates.
      11. **VP of Finance & Administration One-on-One** 
          1. No updates.
      12. **PET & Constituent Heads** 
          1. Jason will share updates from the October 3 meeting at the November staff senate meeting.
5. **As May Arise**
6. **Upcoming Meetings/Events**
   1. November Senate Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 3:30pm-5:00pm, RSC 142 Harvest Room.
   2. Staff Senate Social: Wednesday, November 8, 3:00pm to 5:00pm, RSC Beggs Ballroom.
   3. Service Recognition Events
      1. October 30, 2:00-4:00pm, location TBA, recognition of employees with 5-20 years of service. Invitations will be sent out soon to honorees. Ceremony is open to campus community.
      2. November 9, 6:00-8:00pm, location TBA, recognition of employees with 25+ years, Bender of Twigs, and retirees. Ceremony is only for honorees and their guests.
   4. Check the [Events Calendar](https://www.wichita.edu/calendar/index.php?com=searchresult) for upcoming events on campus.