



**Draft Minutes for February 17, 2021  
On-line Meeting via Zoom**

**Present:** Charley Allen-Dunn, Kala Allen-Dunn, Marty Anderson, Laura Buchanan, Dr. S.G. Carthell, Duane Dycus, Dr. Jessica Evans, Angela Guyton, LaDonna Hamontree, Orville Herndon, Matt Jones, Sondra Kreger, Trish Lofton, Jeremy McKeel, Jerry O'Bryan, Evan O'Neal, Debbie Plummer, Brian Purcell, Matt Purdy, Kendrick Quisenberry,

covid. The meeting will be led by a licensed psychiatrist from the Employee Assistance Program and can be used for the Racer Wellness Program. Upcoming Performance Evaluations will be conducted via Zoom.

**Dr. Melony Shemberger, Faculty Regent:** Dr. Melony Shemberger said the Board of Regents will meet next week. Faculty continue to use virtual instruction methods.

**Phil Schooley, Staff Regent:** Phil Schooley said the agenda for the February 26 meeting is being prepared. The meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. The Staff Survey Committee met earlier in February. Committee Chair Dr. Jessica Evans will provide the committee report later in this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Debbie Plummer made a motion to approve the January 2021 Staff Congress meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Trish Lofton made a motion to approve the January 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. Tim Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Executive Committee:** Dr. David Wilson said the committee met earlier in February via Zoom but has nothing to report to the Congress at this time.

**Credentials and Elections Committee:** Committee Co-Chair Orville Herndon reported that the Staff Regent Election notice postcards were unable to be printed due to the Printing Services staff's

due to having a class during the meeting but sent her thanks to the committee. Mr. Williams thanked the committee members for their work. Applications for the fall textbook scholarship will be accepted until September 1.

**Personnel Policies and Benefits Committee:** No report.

**UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES:**

**Faculty and Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee:** Orville Herndon reported that at the committee's February 12 meeting, the covid-19 vaccine was discussed and regular reports were heard by the committee. He put in the Staff Congress meeting chat a link to the committee's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MSUInsurance.and.Benefits.Committee> . The page contains a link to the committee's meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, at 8:30 a.m., via Zoom. Employees can let him know of items they would like the committee to discuss. During the committee meetings, comments on the Facebook page are monitored for questions to be relayed to the committee during the meeting.

**Intercollegiate Athletic Council:** No report.

**Naming Campus Facilities Committee:** No report.

**Judicial Board:** Dr. David Wilson said that Lindsey Powers was the Staff Congress representative to the Judicial Board. Persons interested in serving the remainder of her term on the Judicial Board, may contact Jen Caldwell in the Office of Student Affairs to learn more about the Judicial Board. Interested persons should inform Dr. Wilson of their desire to serve on the Judicial Board.

**Sick Leave Appeals Committee:** No report.

**International Studies Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Budget Advisory Committee:** Brian Purcell reported on items discussed at the committee's January 26 meeting. A budget must be submitted to the Legislature by the end of March. The performance funding model, retirement funding, spring enrollment, e-campus



Dr. David Wilson said the next Staff Congress meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. He thanked staff for their work for students and said staff play a valuable role in student recruitment and retention, especially during the difficulties caused by the pandemic.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned.