

# Staff Congress: At-A-Glance

May 2, 2016

## Chair Report: Craig Dennis

**Chair Dennis** welcomed guest Tauyna Jones, Special Events Planning Manager to the meeting and suspended business for her presentation on the Rendezvous scheduling system.

Chair Dennis opened the Chair's report by posing the question "When will the President make budget cut decisions?" Chair Dennis said the things that we know for certain are: amount of tuition increase approved by CPE and the budget cuts for the next two years. The Supreme Court (KY) will give the decision on Attorney General Beshear's lawsuit against Governor Bevin on or around May 6<sup>th</sup>. The BOR work session will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>, so President Andrews will have to make budget cut decisions for recommendation to the BOR May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>. After the May 13<sup>th</sup> BOR meeting, Chair Dennis suspects we will know more information. The BOR will have to approve the recommendations during the June 2016 meeting. The most concerning item is our enrollment. The population in our region is declining at a rapid rate and will definitely affect our enrollment numbers.

Chair Dennis reported the Executive Council met last week. We are currently struggling to find meeting space for the June luncheon/meeting with ADUC going off-line this month. As soon as we have a definite meeting space, representatives will be informed. We are looking for a consistent meeting space each month.

## Vice-Chair Report: Scott Niles

**Vice-Chair Niles** was not able to attend the meeting, but submitted the website was up-to-date and there were no Staff Salutes submitted for the current month.

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## Committee Reports

### ***Benefits & Compensation: Committee Chair Jerel Benton***

\* **Committee Chair Benton** had no report. Chair Dennis asked Ms. Hogge if there had been any more discussion on the increase in the benefits split (currently 75/25) the President proposed would go to 70/30 in the forums recently held. Ms. Hogge replied there was nothing definite as far as the split, but this is something that is looked at each year as part of the compensation package.

### ***Credentials & Elections: Committee Chair Lora Pace***

\* **Committee Chair Pace** presented the election results from last month's election.

AREA 1 Winners: Joe Fraley, Sabra Lowe, & Misty Lilley (3-year terms)

AREA 2 Winners: Laura Rucker & Alan Rucker (3 year term),  
Jimmie Martin (1 year term)

AREA 3 Winner: Jessica Thompson (3 year term)

AREA 4 Winner: Andrea Fryman (2 year term)

AREA 5 Winners: Benji Bryant & Holly Neihoff (3 year terms)  
Annette Wilder (2 year term)

Committee Chair Pace reported a lot of the races were close number-wise this year. Overall, there were about 10 people who could not access or find their ballot and Clarissa helped reset those ballots and as far as we know, those people were able to vote. There is one vacancy in Area 5 that Committee Chair Pace has an idea of how to fill, but she wants to confer with the C&E committee before bringing it before Staff Congress in June. Currently, we are one representative short of having a full congress.

The Executive Council elections will be held during the June meeting. If you are interested in running for an EC position (Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary), please submit a statement of interest to Lora Pace via email no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>. The statements of interest will be posted on the portal by May 27<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be held during the June meeting.

### ***Staff Issues: Committee Chair Paige McDaniel***

\* **Committee Chair McDaniel** was on furlough, but had no report to submit.

### ***Sustainability Committee***

\* **Representative Niehoff** reported there would be a Goodwill drive May 5 – May 15. Bins will be located outside each residence hall so students may donate items while moving out of their dorm rooms. You may also drop off items at the Morehead Goodwill, just let them know it is for MSU as we are counting items donated as part of our recycling numbers..

## Other Reports

### ***Staff Regent Report: Shannon Harr***

**Staff Regent Harr** was unable to attend, and no report was submitted.

### ***Human Resources Report: Harold Nally***

**Harold Nally** was unable to attend, but Suzanne Hogge was present and reported the following: 1) The decision was made to proceed with the Staff Appreciation/Service Awards picnic and it will be held on the lawn in front of Allie Young next Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Service Awards are usually presented around 11:30 a.m.; 2) The Wellness Challenge between EKU and MSU ends on May 9<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to get all your steps

logged on the portal! MSU is currently ahead 1,022 steps per participant and we have met our institutional goal of 43.75 million steps!; 3) Staff Compensation and Classification UAR has been posted (UAR 324.03).

**Cabinet Report: Beth Patrick**

VP Patrick was not present and no report was submitted.

**Guest Speaker: Tauyna Jones, Special Events Planning Manager**

Tauyna Jones, Special Events Planning Manager, performed a training session for representatives with the Rendezvous scheduling system. Ms. Jones stated the Office of Conference and Event Services is now under Facilities. Ms. Jones encouraged representatives to try out the Rendezvous system once access has been granted and to let her know of any issues. Once all rooms are online, Rendezvous will be the best way to schedule rooms for all groups on campus. Eventually, the room technology will be added to the description on the site once walk-throughs of every room have been performed. The technology description will be in the future once assessments have been completed. There are plans to take three rooms in Bert Combs to transform into meeting spaces with technology and would be comparable to rooms in ADUC.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chair Dennis encouraged representatives to submit thoughts for the June luncheon to Vice-Chair Niles or himself. The June meeting and luncheon may occur off-campus, but we will let everyone know as soon as possible.

**UPCOMING EAGLE EVENTS**

- Monday, May 9 – Friday, May 13: FINAL EXAMINATIONS
- Saturday, May 14: Commencement
- Monday, May 23: Summer Intersession
- Monday, May 30: Memorial Day (University Closed)
- Monday, June 6: Next STAFF CONGRESS meeting (TENTATIVE BRECK 302) 1:00 p.m.  
New Members meeting (11:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.)  
Luncheon (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- SOAR Sessions: June 9, 10, 14, and July 12

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