

Staff Congress Newsletter



Chair Chat

Welcome to June!

By now I hope you've heard that we have had our officer elections. Starting in July, Xavier Scott will be serving as Chair, Jamey Carver will be Vice-Chair and Helisha Tuerk will be acting as Secretary. I'm very optimistic that this crew will represent our MSU staff with honor and integrity. Congratulations to them!

Staff Congress now has some new faces, and the standing committees will be populated and ready for work. A new cycle begins.

I can't express how much I appreciate your support over the past two years that I've served as Chair. It's great to know that congress is in good hands, and I am looking forward to seeing what new things we can achieve.

Thank you for all you do for MSU!

Chair Flora

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Campus Announcements

The following events are scheduled for this month at the Morehead State University residential campus. If you have announcements that you would like to share with the MSU Staff community, please send them to x.scott@moreheadstate.edu.

Juneteenth

MSU will be closed Monday, June 19th for the Juneteenth holiday. Administrative Offices will be closed, and classes will not meet.

Eagle Block Party

Join us for Kona shaved ice, swag, games, karaoke, and fun! The MSU Eagle Block Party will be held on Wednesday, June 21st, 11:30am-12:30pm on the lawn in front of Allie Young. *Sponsored by Human Resources & Payroll.*

4-Week Hydration Motivation Challenge

Complete the challenge & receive a tumbler and 10 WellPoints! This challenge encourages you to boost your daily consumption of water. The general recommendation that is the safe and prudent amount of water is the 8x8 rule: an eight-ounce glass of water, 8 times a day. You may need to modify your total based on several factors, including exercise, environment, overall health, pregnancy and breast-feeding. See your physician for the exact intake amount if you have questions. To enter the challenge, email livewell@moreheadstate.edu by July 11 and state that you have **successfully** completed the 4-week challenge. Two winners will be announced on Friday, July 14 and will win a single serve Nutribullet!

A Midsummer Night's Dream for Two

Enjoy a gourmet meal with wine pairing prepared by Aramark Executive Chef Brittani Ratcliff with live music in the rotunda, a planetarium special feature, Oasis in Space, and a live presentation of the solstice night sky, dessert and coffee, and a memento of the occasion. The evening will end with telescope viewing as weather permits.

June 20th, 6:30pm-9:30pm at the Space Science Center. Participation is limited to 35 couples, but a waitlist is available. [Reservations](#) are required. The cost is \$165 per couple. For more information, visit the [Star Theater Special Event page](#).

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Staff Salutes

The following salutes were submitted for this month. If you know of a worthy candidate, you can submit your suggestion on the [Submit a Staff Salute](#) page.

Risa Boyd - Advisor

She goes above and beyond for students to ensure they have what they need to be successful at MSU. Not only does she meet their educational needs she also looks out for other needs as well. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to get to know Risa. Advisors like her are what make MSU a great place!

Staff Congress Meeting Summary

In this section, we summarize the reports from the Staff Congress monthly meeting.

President. J. Morgan reported:

- We have lots of renovations happening on campus. Please have patience with the commotion, and if there are issues let's try to work around them.
- Parking was discussed in the Campus Update, which is currently in the MyMoreheadState Portal. Faculty and Staff are encouraged to view the [Campus Update](#) to learn more. During renovations, several buildings will have their parking redirected.

Chair David Flora provided a heartfelt thanks to Staff Congress representatives and participants for their work during his two-year tenure as Staff Congress Chair.

Vice-Chair Tuerk completed the edits/amendments to the Staff Congress Bylaws & Constitution.

B&C Chair Rianna Robinson reported:

- B&C approved the revisions to the UAR involving changes in employment of minors.
- B&C approved the revisions to the UAR involving changes in travel expenses for interviewees coming to MSU campus.

Credentials & Elections (C&E) Chair Toni Hobbs welcomed new members to Staff Congress.

Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Lora Pace reported the changes for performance appraisals of FYS instructors discussed in the last Subcommittee meeting were approved.

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Staff Regent Joel Pace reported:

- Several members have termed out or resigned. New appointees will be added soon.

Director of Human Resources, Dr. Caroline Atkins, reported:

- Annual employment letters will go out after the June Board of Regents meeting.
- Employee Benefits Committee requested more activities that allow employees to interact with each other that doesn't involve work. OHR has scheduled "Summer Block Parties" in front of Allie Young. The first Block Party will be June 21st 11:30am-12:30pm. Fun food and collaborative activities will be available. Announcements will be sent soon.

Faculty Senate President Dr. David Long reported:

- The Senate concluded its business at the end of May, where progress was made on minor PAc revisions.
- The majority of faculty believe that FYS needs to return to a big ideas kind of class, rather than the College-101 version we have currently.

Student Government Association (SGA) President Presley Boyer reported:

- SGA Members attended the Kentucky Leadership Academy, where they collaborated with other Kentucky SGA's.
- SGA is working on new plans and goals for the 2023/2024 academic year.

Staff Congress Officer Elections were held. The following are the new officers for 2023/2024 academic year.

- President: Xavier Scott
- Vice-President: Jamie Carver
- Secretary/Treasurer: Helisha Tuerk

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Staff Concerns

The following concerns were submitted by staff on the anonymous [Staff Congress Questions & Concerns form](#).

Comment/Concern	Response
Why does printing services no longer deliver completed print jobs on campus? It is a bit misleading as the current print request form has a field where you input where you would like the job delivered. If this service is no longer offered, then the form should be updated.	Contacted Guy Huffman, Director of EagleCard & Document Services. He said delivery should resume in the Fall '23 semester, after student workers return. If there are concerns or needs for delivery, please reach out to Guy Huffman at 3-2701 or g.huffman@moreheadstate.edu .
When you fixed the Education services building, the outside door no longer locks. This is dangerous and really needs fixed asap.	Contacted Kim Oatman, Chief Facilities and Operations Officer. The lock has been fixed. Security concerns like this can be reported to Facilities Management at 3-2066 or MSU Police Department at 3-2035.
Is Lappin going to be torn down when the new Engineering & Science building comes online? I've heard this mentioned in multiple settings. Lappin is a historic building that holds with the collegiate look of campus. It would be a shame to tear down this building without some serious consideration.	Contacted Kim Oatman, Chief Facilities and Operations Officer. Raising Lappin and several other buildings have been considered, but no decisions have been made. It is estimated that the new science & engineering building will be made within the next 3 years. Once it is built, the University will need to decrease square footage, and removing Lappin & Lloyd Cassity are natural ways to do so. Lappin requires major maintenance for regular operation, which is a significant recurring cost. At this point, no decisions have been made.
Current Staff Evaluation forms contain text boxes designed to provide feedback. Some fields are too small for the required text to be written. It is possible to have PDF files with fields that adjust text size, which would correct this issue. Whom would I contact to fix the Staff Evaluation forms?	Contacted the Office of Human Resources, who had some discussions with the Office of Information Technology on how to make this form and process more efficient and user friendly. They ask that the person who made the suggestion reach out to them for additional information about how to make the forms more user friendly.
Just wanted to say THANK YOU to the university for the extra day off for employees on July 3, 2023.	

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Thanks for reading the Staff Congress Newsletter. We're proud to be a part of your community. Please send any suggestions about the newsletter to Xavier Scott at x.scott@moreheadstate.edu

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