

Murray State University Staff Congress
Draft Minutes for June 18, 2014
304 North Applied Science Building

PRESENT: James Barnett, Shanna Burgess, Jessica Evans, Debbie Griffin, Marion Hale, Orville Herndon, Dana Howard, Laura Lohr, Joshua Mathis, Robert Long-Mendez, Margie Miller, Jerry O'Bryan, Debbie Plummer, Brian Purcell, Ashley Rogers, Tressa Ross, Stephanie Totty, Tim Williams, Dwaine Willoughby, Joseph Wilson, Chad Wortham, and John Young.

Guests: Tab Brockman, Director, Murray-Calloway County Parks; Timothy Jaeger, Staff Congress member-elect; Dr. Jay Morgan, Provost; and Rhonda Timmons, Staff Congress member-elect.

CALL TO ORDER: Staff Congress President John Young called the meeting to order.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL GUESTS:

Tab Brockman, Director, Murray-Calloway County Parks: Tab Brockman presented the Parks Referendum. He discussed the number of visitors, repair needs, and lack of ADA accessibility of the Murray-Calloway County parks. He elaborated on the county-wide tax referendum designed to raise funds for the repairs and accessibility needs of the parks. With enough signatures, the referendum can be included on the November ballot. Mr. Brockman said the parks system administration has sought and received grants and corporate sponsors. The financial need is greater than what can be addressed with grants and private donations. Individuals must be registered to vote in Calloway County in order to sign the referendum. Signatures are due by the end of June. He answered questions.

Dr. Jay Morgan, Provost: No report.

Staff Regent Report: No report.

Faculty Regent Report: No report.

APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES: Marion Hale made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented. Stephanie Totty seconded, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MAY TREASURER'S REPORT: John Young presented the May Treasurer's Report on behalf of Treasurer Sherri Riddle who was out-of-town. Tressa Ross made a motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: John Young said the Board of Regents will have a retreat on August 27 and a meeting on August 28. He said the MSU Women's Center is seeking employees to form an advisory board for the 2014-2015 academic year. He recommended Laura Lohr represent Staff Congress on that board.

Credentials and Elections Committee: Orville Herndon said the Credentials and Elections Committee recommends that Logan Stout, who received the next highest votes in the April 2014 Staff Congress Election, be appointed to complete the remainder of the term vacated by Daniel Williams. A second was not required for the recommendation. The motion carried.

Orville reported that Jami Carroll received the highest number of votes in the May 2014 run-off election held at the Breathitt Veterinary Center.

He introduced Timothy Jaeger, Staff Congress member-elect, who received the most write-in votes in the General/Facilities Management Category in the April 2014 Staff Congress Election.

Staff Recognition Committee: Tressa Ross reported that Years of Service pins and the menu are being discussed for the August Staff Recognition event.

Staff Special Events Committee: Shanna Burgess reported that she has purchased items for the December Children's Christmas Party.

Communications Committee: Laura Lohr said that the Communications Committee is working on the upcoming newsletter.

Working Conditions Committee: No report.

Staff Congress Foundation Book Scholarship Committee: No report.

Personnel Policies and Benefits Committee: No report.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES:

Faculty and Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee: No report.

Intercollegiate Athletic Council: No report.

Naming Campus Facilities Committee: No report.

Judicial Board: No report.

Sick Leave Appeals Committee: No report.

International Studies Advisory Committee: No report.

Dual Employment Committee: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Executive Officers: Because Marion Hale, Parliamentarian, was a candidate for one of the Executive Offices, Orville Herndon was appointed to preside over the election. Orville Herndon read the names of the candidates and reviewed the eligibility requirements to run for the Executive Offices.

President: Laura Lohr. Orville asked if anyone else was would like to run for President. No one else volunteered.

Vice President: Marion Hale and John Young. Orville asked if anyone else was would like to run for Vice President. No one else volunteered.

Treasurer: Debbie Plummer and Sheri Riddle. Orville asked if anyone else was would like to run for Treasurer. No one else volunteered.

James Barnett made a motion that nominations cease. Debbie Plummer seconded and the motion carried. Orville appointed Brian Purcell and Chad Wortham as election tellers: Brian and Chad distributed and collected ballots, then tallied the votes.

Orville noted that some Staff Congress members' terms are expiring. Of those members, Margie Miller was present at today's meeting. Congress members expressed appreciation for Margie's service to Staff Congress.

Orville noted that committee preference forms will be distributed to members for the 2014-2015 term. Current Staff Congress committee chairs explained the duties of their committees.

The Election Tellers presented the results of the Executive Officers Election: Laura Lohr, President; Marion Hale, Vice-President; and Sheri Riddle, Treasurer.

John Young asked if any there was other new business.

Dana Howard requested that Staff Survey items specific to Staff Congress be discussed at Staff Congress meetings. President-elect Laura Lohr said she will follow-up on this request.

ADJOURNMENT: Stephanie Totty made a motion to adjourn. Orville Herndon seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.