



Draft Minutes for September 20, 2017
304 North Applied Science Building

Present: -Meriwether, James Barnett, Jami Carroll, Duane Dycus, Jessica Evans, Debbie Griffith, Marion Hale, Orville Herndon, Leanna Linn McClure, Jerry Robyn Pizzo, Debbie Plummer, Brian Purcell, Amy Watters, Tim Williams, David Wilson, John Young, and Staff Regent Phil Schooley.

Guests: Kalea Anderson, student, Dr. Mark Arant, Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Robert Davies, President; Dr. Katherine Farmer, Faculty Regent; and Dr. Renee Fister, Chief of Staff; Joyce Gordon, Director, Human Resources; Lauren Smee, Wellness Coordinator; Susan Spier, Assistant Director of Benefits, Human Resources; and Gerald Washington, Director, United Way.

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

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL GUESTS: Staff Regent Phil Schooley presented Beth Sloan with a certificate of recognition for her work preparing and distributing the Staff Survey.

Gerald Washington, Director of the United Way, spoke about the various groups which receive assistance from United Way. He encouraged staff to donate to United Way.

Robyn Pizzo introduced Kalea Anderson, one of the recipients of the fall 2017 Staff Congress textbook scholarship award.

Dr. Robert Davies, President: Dr. Davies thanked staff for attending the Open House for Health Services on September 14. Several RFP bids from potential health services providers have been received and will be examined to determine which will be considered. The goal is to continue having health services on-campus for students and employees while using resources carefully. Dr. Davies complimented the Health Services staff for their work.

Dr. Davies said he has received the memo from John Young, Chair of the University-wide Insurance and Benefits Committee, with the He payment percentages and coverages to that of other universities. Dr. Davies said that while HEA 189 will no longer be offered after this semester, a new Wellness Center-use incentive program will offer employees a health insurance premium discount.

The City of Murray payroll tax will be implemented on January 1, 2018. MSU Human Resources is compiling an FAQ sheet regarding the payroll tax. Questions may be directed to Human Resources and Payroll.

Dr. Davies state funding reduction, the pension situation, and taxes. He also discussed enrollment and retention figures. He reported on the status of Richmond Residential College. In approximately June 2018, more information is expected about the cause of the explosion and the future of the building. He answered questions.

John Young introduced Mark Arant, Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Arant said that has enjoyed his time at MSU. He said the university can be as efficient as private universities and more efficient than TcHe4)7.27 2452 ism 736)3(i0)352>16 TJETBT1 0 (d)7(CI

