

Members present: Cindy Ash, Tom Barnett, David Bauer, Tiffany Budd, Chris Charnegie, Jeff Chesnut, Sara Conwell, Meg Cowherd, Rebecca Cox, Quentin Daniels, Chris Dolhancryk, Jennifer Gonzalez, Dave Groeschen, Mike Irvin, Deanna Karam, Katie Lovold, Katy McBryan, Donna Neace, Josh Neumeyer, Amberly Nutini, Krista Rayford, Kimberly Sanders, Dennis Sickinger, Steve Slone, Terri Smith, Walter Smith, Ryan Straus, Lori Thaxton, Collette Thompson, Mary Ann Trumble, Pam Wagar, Chris Witt

Members absent: Tina Altenhofen, Chris Bowling, Erika Jay

Guests: Janel Bloch, Grace Hiles, Sue Hodges Moore, Sue Murphy-Angel, Arnie Slaughter

- I. Call to Order – 1:04pm
- II. Approval of June 9, 2017 minutes – Motion to approve minutes as submitted made by Steve Slone and seconded by Sara Conwell; approved by voice vote with no opposition or abstention
- III. Introductions – we spent a few moments introducing ourselves, since this was the first meeting for many of our new members.
- IV. New Business:
 - A. Appointment of Parliamentarian – Sue Murphy-Angel
 - B. Nomination & Election of President-Elect
 1. Accepted Nominations: David Bauer, Steve Slone
 2. Election results: David Bauer was elected by secret ballot.
 - C. Nomination & Election of Secretary
 1. Accepted Nominations: Josh Neumeyer
 2. Election results: As the only nominee, Josh Neumeyer was elected by voice vote.
- V. Liaison Reports
 - A. Board of Regents – Staff Regent Arnie Slaughter
 1. The annual Board of Regents summer retreat will take place Wednesday 7/19
 2. Always feel free to reach out to Arnie with any questions/concerns/issues you may have, as well as bringing them to Staff Congress. He can be reached via email (SlaughterA@nku.edu) or phone (859-572-5538).
 - B. Executive Team / Administration & Finance – Senior VP Sue Hodges Moore
 1. Facilities Management: parking lot restoration and garage maintenance continues, but should be complete before school begins; an energy audit will be completed to determine opportunities for energy savings which can then be reinvested in further savings initiatives; new interior design project manager named Kathy Theobald has been hired to replace Mary Lee Schott.
 2. Business Operations & Auxiliary Services: UC basketball and commencement will be held in BB&T Arena while renovations take place at UC; Governor's Scholars Program is underway through July 28, with 357 scholars and 50 faculty on campus.
 3. Budget: continued planning of new budget software, with implementation anticipated to be at the end of summer
 4. US27 Development work continues with Fairmount
 5. IT: Computer replacements are complete, with 304 new desktops, 197 new laptops, and 55 new virtual machines across campus.
 - C. Human Resources – Senior Director Lori Southwood (no report)

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- D. Faculty Senate – Dr. Janel Bloch
 - 1. Janel shared information about Faculty Senate, including the names of their two new executive team members – Matthew Zacate (President) and Laura Sullivan (Secretary)
 - E. Student Government Association – Sami Dada / Erica Bluford (no report)
 - VI. President’s Report – Katie Lovold
 - A. Reminder: Faculty/Staff Picnic in the Park on Friday 8/4 at the Highland Heights City Building; volunteers are still needed, and please share the information with your areas
 - VII. Standing Committee Formations: Selection of Chairs and setting of first meeting dates:
 - A. Benefits
 - 1. Members: Bowling, Gonzalez, Sanders, Straus, Thaxton (Co-Chair), Wagar (Co-Chair)
 - 2. Meetings: Tuesdays in GH 570; time TBD
 - B. Constitution & Bylaws
 - 1. Members: Budd (Co-Chair), Charnegie, Chesnut (Co-Chair), Dolhancryk, Witt
 - 2. Meeting: Mondays prior to Council of Chairs meetings, at 9am, place TBD
 - C. Credentials & Elections
 - 1. Members: Althenhofen (Chair), Murphy-Angel, Neace, T. Smith, Trumble
 - 2. Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 2-3pm in AC 105
 - D. Outreach
 - 1. Members: Irving, Karam, Rayford (Co-Chair), W. Smith, Thompson (Co-Chair)
 - 2. Meetings: 4th Thursday of the month, 9:30-10:30am, location TBD
 - E. Policies
 - 1. Members: Barnett (Co-chair), Conwell, Cowherd, Daniels, Jay, McBryan, Slone (Co-Chair)
 - 2. Meetings: last Wednesday of the month, 2:30pm in AC 615
 - F. Scholarship
 - 1. Members: Ash, Cox, Groeschen, Nutini (Co-Chair), Sickinger (Co-Chair)
 - 2. Meetings: TBD, at Starbucks
 - VIII. University Committees: Assignment of SC Representatives
 - A. Benevolent Association: Collette Thompson
 - B. Food Service Advisory: Lori Thaxton
 - C. IT Advisory Committee: Jeff Chesnut
 - D. Parking Appeals Committee: Ryan Straus
 - E. Regent’s Distinguished Service Award: Tina Althenhofen
 - F. Sustainability Strategy Work Group: discontinued due to completion of the group’s major task
 - G. Transportation: Chris Bowling
 - H. Wellness: Pam Wagar
 - IX. Ad-Hoc Committee
 - A. Roundtable Discussion: David Bauer
 - X. Old Business
 - A. Faculty/Staff Happy Hours: Denny Sickinger reported on the relative success of the first couple of happy hours, noting that some feedback indicated maybe a day other than Friday would be better. If you have any further input, please let him know (email SickingerD2@nku.edu); the next one will be scheduled in the fall, after the picnic.

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- B. Fishing/Swimming in Loch Norse: Mary Ann asked if there was any update related to signage; more follow-up to come.
- XI. Other New Business
- A. Walter Smith asked a question about diversity hiring practices; Katie and Arnie will continue this conversation with Interim President St. Amand and Human Resources.
 - B. Tiffany Budd asked about the presidential portrait for President Mearns; it is planned to hang in SU 104 with the others, although his will be an outdoor scene, unlike Drs. Albright, Steely, Boothe, and Votruba.
- XII. Announcements
- A. Katie Lovold reiterated the attendance policy, and encouraged folks to call (x5409) or email her (LovoldK1@nku.edu) with any questions they may have.
 - B. Meeting of Standing Committee Chairs and University Committee Representatives – schedule of meetings to be determined; the first meeting will take place approximately one week prior to the August Staff Congress meeting.
- XIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Chris Witt and seconded by Lori Thaxton; approved by voice vote with no opposition or abstention; meeting adjourned at 2:18pm.