

**UNIVERSITY STAFF SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Magnolia Room, Morris University Center**  
**February 15, 2024 – 9:00am**  
**Approved Minutes**

The regular meeting of the University Staff Senate Executive Board (SSEB) was called to order at 8:57 am on Thursday, February 15, 2024, by President Kelly Jo Hendricks.

**Present:** Kelly Jo Hendricks, Doug James, Keith Becherer, Cindy Cobetto, Angie White, Steven Green, Michael Tadlock-Jackson (ex officio)

**Absent:** Sara Colvin

**Guests:** James Minor, Lauren Bartshe

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes for the January 18, 2024, meeting was approved as written.

**REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

President Kelly Jo Hendricks – Attended BOT meeting on SIUE campus 2/8. Heard reference to our resolution from Springfield union representative. Participated in Meridian Scholar interviews; students will be on campus tomorrow.

There were no other reports.

**SEARCH UPDATES:**

There were no search updates.

**GUEST:**

Chancellor James Minor attended SSEB, and members made introductions. Minor stated that he would like to know what Staff Senate plans to accomplish this year and next. Members emphasized focusing on supporting staff, those represented and unrepresented. The resolution in support of resolving the open contracts was discussed. Minor stated that the reaction to the resolution wasn't positive, and some found it insulting. Minor cautioned commingling efforts of a governing body and a bargaining unit, and stated that Staff Senate should be clear about their priorities: diversity and inclusion, staff wellbeing, etc. SSEB offered feedback to Chancellor Minor on how he can communicate important topics with all employees on our campuses. Minor and Bartshe stated that they are meeting with Dr. Bill and Carl Chambers later today to discuss staff retention.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

March Staff Senate Meeting – ESTL Campus – March 7

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance