

**MASON STAFF SENATE**  
General Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, February 4, 2015  
12:00 – 2:00 pm

Fairfax, Innovation Hall 334  
Videoconferenced to Arlington, Founders Hall B119, Prince William, Bull Run 254  
Teleconference: 703-249-8067

Present: **Andrew Addison, Wajaht Ahmed, Susan Brionez, Andrew Bunting, Lauren Clark, Jennifer Hamilton, Laura Harrison, Joe Hinrichs, Amanda Kennedy, Megan Kirk, Francina Osoria, Stephanie Payton, Emily Robinson, Nicole Roth, Amanda Shoemaker, Al Underwood, Alex Walsh, Cloud Spurlock, Brett Say**

Absent: Rubi Chavez, Stephanie Zeher, Amanda Corrigan, Lisa Bair, Doug Hernandez, Dean Naldrett, Jocelyn Hanly

Business Meeting:

**1) Call to order** at 12:15 by Stephanie Payton

**2)** Global Professional Staff Exchange Presentation, Jennifer Hamilton, Report on her trip to the University of Basel last fall

**3) Constituents' Time**

- a) Two emails via Staff Senate email (copies of emails distributed to members)
  - i) Cost of Masonvale rent
    - (1) Priority list to become occupants
    - (2) Intention was to provide transitional housing
      - (a) Not necessarily priced lower
    - (3) Questions regarding amount of regular rent increases
  - ii) Market price
  - iii) Should SS get involved? Is there a GMU liaison? Perhaps Housing has recommendations? Inquire why rent was raised. Anyone opposed to opening a discussion with Masonvale?
  - iv) PW recreation facilities
    - (1) Inequity between PW and FFX offerings for primarily recreation facilities and other services on the PW campus
      - (a) Freedom Center classes do not cost extra, as they do in Fairfax
      - (b) \$20/25 difference in cost of access to recreation facilities
      - (c) **Item will come back in March as an agenda item**
      - (d) Senate members asked to think about to extend Mason community in regard to these issues.
      - (e) Asked that parking costs be reviewed as well
      - (f) Perception of Fairfax as the “main campus” problematic
  - v) Both issues are third-party vendors, which causes difficulties

**4) Announcements**

- a) New Government Student Government: Murcia K (name? sp?)
- b) From the Staff Senate (see below)
  - i) Amanda G baby
  - ii) KBB last day
- c) From the floor

## 5) **New Business**

- a) Approve December 2014 Meeting Minutes (attached)
  - i) Any substantial concerns? Send edits to SP
  - ii) Motioned, approved, no opposition
- b) Senate Involvement in Spring into Well-being
  - i) Stephanie Payton will be talking with Janet Walker, HR/P
    - (1) Info tents during Spring Into Well Being Week
    - (2) SS will have one and will need volunteers
    - (3) Arlington will be having one also, Andrew will get SS involved
    - (4) Takes place during mid March
    - (5) SP will report back
- c) Quarterly Financial Statement (attached)
  - i) Current costs
  - ii) Extra of \$307
    - (1) A part of that will cover overage in Staff Appreciation Event costs
    - (2) The balance is open to proposals of how that should be spent

## 6) **Old Business**

- a) University Advisory Committees Updates
  - i) Mason Lobbies
    - (1) Amanda S talked to a couple legislative aids regarding rents in this area
    - (2) They were taken aback
    - (3) She will write a proposal for a letter writing campaign regarding issue
    - (4) Letters might be perceived better than emails
    - (5) VGEA House Appropriations considering 1% increase and comprehension pay
    - (6) Need to include Mark Smith and others
  - ii) Sexual Assault Presentation: Stephanie Payton
    - (1) Report should be coming out within a couple months
- b) New committee members
  - i) Employee of the Month: Brett Say
  - ii) Parking Ticket Appeals Committee: Francina Osoario
- c) VP Compliance and Diversity Search Committee, Joe Hinrichs
  - i) Hope to have news by the end of March
- d) Gender Inclusion Proposal Update
  - i) Passed by SS, will stand in support, and SP will write a letter indicating a majority decision by the Senate
  - ii) Not sure how Faculty Senate decided
    - (1) That groups meets today at three
- e) Pedestrian Safety Initiative Update, Doug Hernandez working on this with Francina
  - i) Francina needs input from Andrew Addison and those in Arlington regarding those concerns

- ii) Doug and Francina will send letter to Staff Senate prior to March meeting
- f) Tuition Policy Ad Hoc committee update, Megan Kirk
  - i) Still working on forming committee
  - ii) Brett, Joe and others will tackle the graduate tuition waiver concerns
  - iii) Can approach the matter in several ways, which committee will explore
    - (1) A staff tuition rate v. regular
    - (2) If other ways to save money in the interim, could share that info with staff
  - iv) Question about how involved the matter will be, could be that this is a federal concern
  - v) Talk with Cary Bolagnese (sp?), planning a Mason Lobbies for the federal level (per Laura Harrison)
- g) SAE debrief, Nicole Roth
  - i) Attendance:
    - (1) Arlington: 54
    - (2) PW: 29
    - (3) FFX: 130
  - ii) Will consider venue changes
  - iii) For future, don't plan SAE day before SS general meeting

## 7) **Announcements (part II)**

- a) Brown Bag with Cabrera, February 18, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Merten Hall 1202
  - i) Staff Senators only
  - ii) Topics:
    - (1) Suggested we bring up some of the issues we brought up today. Should give him topics in advance if possible
      - (a) Get better answers if we give him topics in advance
      - (b) Student government is handling promoting this item, but we can bring up as well
    - (2) Suggested going back to departments for issues
  - iii) Suggested that we not do intro to save time
    - (1) Wear a name tag instead
    - (2) SP will send out a survey with possible topics to give him
    - (3) Will also need to give him the big picture
    - (4) More interested in letting him know staff concerns v. getting answers on the spot
- b) At Cabrera's talk yesterday, asked why not well attended
  - i) Agreed: Lack of notification
    - (1) No eFiles, mass email, etc.

## 8) **Roundtable**

- a) Brett Say, on eFiles, survey to staff (and staff?) regarding quality of life
  - i) Can SS see results of that survey?
- b) SP will send out emails from constituents, survey of concerns, follow up on other issues that came up during meeting

## 9) **Adjourn** at 1:41 pm by Stephanie Payton

\*Meeting documents

12.3.14 Meeting Minutes Draft

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