The MSU Staff Senate met Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 189 in the Dillard College of Business Administration Building. Members in attendance were: Gayla Aldrich, Jennifer Dunn, Scott Feldman, Dawn Fisher, Jesika Fisher, Reagan Foster, Jaime Fowler, Michael Mills, Gary Neal, Angie Reay, and Sue Witherspoon. Dirk Welch, Chair, presided.

Members absent were Jermaine Causey, Gary Miller, and Lynn Sosebee

Guests in attendance were Dr. Jesse Rogers, Kimberly Long, Linda Knox, Laura Peterson, Leslee Ponder, and Janis Salter

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Mr. Welch.

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of the April 9, 2014 Staff Senate meeting were presented. Ms. Jesika Fisher moved to approve the April Staff Senate Minutes as presented. Ms. Witherspoon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (closed).

Presentation of “You Make a Difference” Certificate:
Dr. Mills presented Ms. Long and Ms. Salter with the “You Make a Difference” award certificates. For more information on why Ms. Long and Ms. Salter were nominated for this award or for more information regarding the “You Make a Difference” program, visit the following website at http://mwsu.edu/staffsenate/index.

Guest Speaker, Dr. Rogers
Dr. Rogers began his presentation by commenting on his impending retirement at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Dr. Rogers went on to discuss the potential fall enrollment and the effect that the potential increase in enrollment could have on the institution. Dr. Rogers shared that he is optimistic about the future growth and financial security of this institution. In addition, the economy in Texas is showing positive signs of growth; particularly in the areas of oil and gas and sales tax. As of right now, the university has admitted 500 more students than this time last year and summer enrollment is up 300 more students than last year. Dr. Rogers also shared the following campus wide updates:
• The Dillard College of Business Administration is making changes to its MBA program to include minors in oil and gas management and health care administration.
• There will be expansion to the petroleum geology program which will include a master’s degree in petroleum geology.
• The university will be submitting a $73 million Tuition Revenue Bond to pay for the following:
  o 90,000 square foot Health Sciences Building and Simulation Center to cost $50-60 million dollars
  o Modernization of Moffett Library
  o Updates to Bolin Science Hall
  o Information Technology needs to be moved into a different and updated space
• The university’s credit limit is $60 million and there is a possibility that the remaining $13 million will need to be raised from donor funds.
• Announced that a new 450 bed Residence Hall will begin construction in March 2015 and will cost between $21-22 million.

At the end of his report, Dr. Rogers announced that there will be staff raises for the FY15 budget. Dr. Rogers asked the Staff Senate if he could meet with the Staff Senate Executive Committee along with Dr. Marilyn Fowle in order to discuss the options for the distribution of the salary increases.

Mr. Welch and Dr. Mills then presented Dr. Rogers with the “You Make a Difference” certificate for his service and dedication to Midwestern State University and the Staff Senate.

Staff Committee/Council Reports:

Executive Committee:
The Executive Committee met with Dr. Rogers on April 22, 2014 to discuss the possibility of staff raises. The Executive Committee met again on May 7, 2014 to discuss upcoming agenda for the May 14, 2014 Staff Senate agenda.

Long Range Review and Planning Committee:
No Report

Communications Committee:
No Report
Membership Committee: Ms. Fisher announced that Staff Senate elections have been completed and that new senators will report to the August Meeting. Mr. Welch distributed a list of the new elected staff senators. Please see Attachment A to review this list.

Bylaws Committee: No Report

Scholarship Committee: No Report

Administrative Council: No Report

Academic Council: No Report

Faculty Senate: Ms. Reay reported that the Faculty Senate met in a closed session for elections.

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Council: Dr. Mills reported that Student Affairs and Enrollment Management met and voted on changes to the competitive scholarship committee.

Board of Regents: Mr. Welch reported that the Board of Regents met May 8th and 9th. To view the agenda, minutes and webcast from the May Board of Regents meeting, please go to http://www.mwsu.edu/welcome/president/regents-minutes.

New Business: Jesika Fisher suggested that we provide each staff senator with a certificate of service to be placed in their personnel file upon completion of his or her term. Dawn Fisher and Jesika Fisher agreed to research the idea further and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Welch announced that the Staff Senate Summer Sizzler will be held July 9th from 2:00-3:00 pm in lieu of our July meeting. Jesika Fisher offered to design the invitation.

Old Business: None
**Open Forum:** None

**Announcements:** Mr. Welch announced that he will be absent for the June Meeting and Dr. Mills will conduct the meeting in his absence.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reagan Foster
Staff Senate Secretary/Treasurer

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**Notes:**

*Dottie Wooldridge was elected after a 1st term, but changed FFO classes & resigned her office.
**Sue Dessler could not fulfill her obligation and vacated her senate seat.
***Doug Allison could not fulfill his obligation and vacated his senate seat.
****Evan Welch could not fulfill his obligation and vacated his senate seat.
*****Martina Brown could not fulfill her obligation and vacated her senate seat. Jessalyn Stump filled the term.
******Scott Felmouse replaced Chris Strickland who was elected to the FFO Class 1. Scott Felmouse finished the term.
*******Franco Collins could not fulfill his obligation and vacated his senate seat.

FFO Class 5 gained a representative in September 2009 and lost one in September 2011.
FFO Class 6 lost a representative in September 2011.
FFO Class 7 lost a representative in September 2011.