

Dr. Don Robertson, Vice President of Student Affairs: Dr. Robertson said that Great Beginnings will start on August 9 for band members and sororities. He encouraged employees to continue the tradition of helping with move-in and welcoming students and families. The Great Beginnings schedule will be on the university's website soon. He noted that Dr. Davies spoke about retention efforts earlier in the Staff Congress meeting.

Dr. Adrienne King, Vice-President of University Advancement: Dr. Adrienne King said the Office of Development has closed out fiscal year 2017 and it was a good year for the university. She reported on summer fundraising and recruiting events. Dr. King said that MSU alumnus and former NASA Director Sue Darnell Ellis will be speaking on campus on August 17, at 7:30 p.m., in Wrather Auditorium. She will also speak in some morning classes. Dr. King gave an update on the installation of printing machines at Printing Services.

Dr. Renee Fister, Chief of Staff: Dr. Renee Fister said that the university is selling parking passes for the Hopkinsville campus for the day of the solar eclipse. The passes are being sold at a loss after paying for the costs involved of hosting eclipse viewers, such as police. She asked that she or Dr. King be notified of other eclipse events so that the university can ensure enough police coverage is provided. The Hopkinsville campus will be closed on August 21, but ITV classes will meet. She reminded everyone to wear appropriate eye protection during the eclipse. NASA.gov has a list of companies selling appropriate eyewear.

Joyce Gordon, Director, Human Resources: Joyce Gordon said that some Staff Congress members met with the staff compensation

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: John Young said the Faculty and Staff Leadership Council will meet with Dr. Davies during the fall semester on September 26, October 17, and December 7.

Concerning the June Staff Congress meeting, John noted that the June meeting report was distributed to Staff Congress members via email. Reports were heard at that meeting but no business was conducted due to the lack of a quorum. Questions or corrections to the June meeting report can be given to John.

He recognized Staff Recognition Committee Chair Laura Lohr and Staff Congress Secretary Kim Cottingham for their work organizing the vendor fair for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Staff Recognition Committee: Chair Laura Lohr reported that area businesses and campus departments will be participating in the vendor fair at the Staff Recognition Luncheon. Public Safety staff will be available for staff to purchase parking tags. Interested staff can have their headshots taken during the vendor fair.

March. Debbie Plummer made a motion to adopt the proposed 2017-2018 Staff Congress meeting schedule. Stephanie Totty seconded. John asked if there was any discussion. There was none. The motion carried.

John asked if there was any new business from the floor. Marion Hale explained that the Staff Congress Flower Fund, created and maintained by voluntary contributions of Congress members for the purpose of sending flowers to members for births or deaths in the family, has not been in used in some time. She asked the group to consider moving the balance in the fund to the Staff Congress Textbook Scholarship fund. Discussion followed. Marion Hale asked if Staff Congress members want to think about the issue further and possibly make a decision at the next Staff Congress meeting. She noted that a Staff Congress member may need to speak with someone at the Foundation Office to determine if the Flower Fund balance can be moved to the Textbook Scholarship fund.