

**Draft Minutes for April 24, 2024**  
**Mississippi Room, Curris Center and Zoom**

**Present:** Christian Barnes, Dedrick Brooks, Duane Dycus, Jodi Hanneman, Orville Herndon, Dayna Hutchinson, Joshua Hutson, Matthew Jones, Trish Lofton, Jeremy McKeel, Audrey Neal, Matt Purdy, Tressa Ross, David Shelton

**Absent:** Russell Dunn, Sondra Kreger, Kim Newbern, Angela Richerson

**Guests:** Chris Haynes; Camela Ramey; Dr. David Wilson, Staff Regent

**CALL TO ORDER:** Staff Congress President Trish Lofton called the meeting to order.

**REPORTS FROM SPECIAL GUESTS PRESENT:**

President Lofton presented announcements on behalf of Courtney Hixon, Director of Human Resources, who was unable to attend. A Racer Wellness gardening event is scheduled for May 14, at the Arboretum, with details to follow. Phase 1 of the Wellness Pledge ends on May 31. Wayne Corporation Employee Assistance Program offers monthly webinars and newsletters. Information is updated monthly on the Human Resources web site. Staff with questions may contact Courtney Hixon or Lauren Smee in Human Resources.

**Staff Regent Report:** Staff Regent Dr. David Wilson said the university Town Hall is scheduled for April 25.

President Lofton said she would like to set

**International Studies Advisory Committee:** No report.

**Budget Advisory Committee:** Audrey Neal gave a summary of the following items discussed at the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on April 23: state appropriation; performance funding; and increases in tuition, scholarships, and housing and dining.

President Lofton said that at the Budget Advisory Committee, she, Staff Congress Vice President Audrey Neal, and Staff Regent Dr. David Wilson presented concerns about staff position that are