**The thirteenth meeting of the Thirteenth Senate was called to order by Jay Todd Richey at 5:00pm**

**The minutes from last meeting were approved.**

**President- Nicki Taylor:** Welcome, everyone. I hope everyone had a good break. I finally changed my email, which is nicki.taylor401… We had a Board of Regents meeting at the end of last semester at which we approved new degree programs, among other decisions. Seth Church will be stepping down as head of the Cultural and Diversity Affairs Committee. Please send me a resume and personal statement if you are interested in applying for the position. We also have an office worker position open. Finally, we have an open position for Director of Public Relations. I will soon be having a joint meeting with Gary Ransdell and other officials on the Student Legal Services Center. Megan Skaggs has been selected as our new Director of Academic and Student Affairs.

The senate approved the appointment of Megan Skaggs as Director of Academic and Student Affairs.

**EVP- Nolan Miles:** I hope you all had a great winter break, and we have new televisions and a monitor at the podium. Thanks to everyone who came to Dining with Decision Makers. Over the break, I had a Student Life Foundation Meeting. They plan on revamping our heating and cooling efficiency errors. Gilbert Hall Lobby has been completely updated, and several residence halls have received new materials. We have a University Curriculum Meeting this Thursday.

**AVP- Liz Koehler:** I think Organizational Aid will be meeting on Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:15 this semester. You also have a copy of the current budget with you.

**Speaker of the Senate-** **Jay Todd Richey:** I just wanted to remind you all that most of you were elected for this position, so please remember to speak with your constituents about current issues on campus. We also need to vote for Coming Home King candidates.

**Chief of Staff- Seth Church:** Our conference room has finally been set up, so we can now open that up for various meetings. We still have laptops available for checkout.

**Director of Public Relations:** Vacant position.

**Director of Academic and Student Affairs- Megan Skaggs:** Have a great first week, and I look forward to working with all of you.

**Director of Information Technology- Sarah Hazelip:** No report.

**Academic Affairs- Josh Knight:** I am now working on finishing up a couple people’s scholarship situations.

**Campus Improvements- Tyler Scaff:** This is my last semester, so at the beginning of next semester, there will be a new chair of Campus Improvements. I ask my committee members to please be thinking about that.

**Legislative Research- Paige Settles:** As you send your bills and resolutions to Jay Todd to appear on the agenda, please remember to send them to me as well so we can review them.

**Public Relations- James Line:** I just wanted to let everyone know that the PR Committee will have more items to address this semester than last semester.

**Student Affairs- Kasey Glasgow:** No report.

**Cultural and Diversity Affairs- Seth Church:** I will be serving as Interim Chair of this committee until a new chair applies.

**University Committee Reports:**

Diversity Enhancement Committee: The committee will be entertaining debate on whether to establish one multicultural center or multiple cultural centers.

Faculty Senate Research Committee: This Committee has been established to help fill the vacuum left by Dr. Gordon Baylis, and we will be looking at how research will be conducted and facilitated at the university in the future.

Faculty Welfare Committee: This committee will be employing a focus group to test students’ knowledge of Title IX to see how the university complies with this legislation.

**Chief Justice- Kara Raley:** No report.

**Appointments:**

Megan Skaggs was appointed to the position of Director of Academic and Student Affairs.

**Student Speakers:**

William Berry spoke in support of Resolution 1-15-S.

Andrea Garr-Barnes, Director of the Office of Institutional Diversity & Inclusion, addressed the senate.

The senate approved a motion to adjourn at 5:54pm.