Old Business

- Update on University Committee staff placements
  - Two senators were appointed on two university committees: Senator Ed Blancarte was appointed to the Disability Committee and Senator and Senator Christine Nangle-Koehl was appointed to the Student Affairs Committee.

- Update on new committees: Social Justice Committee and Professional Development Committee
  - Social Justice Committee: Co-Chairs for the committee were not available to give an update. Will do so at the next meeting.
  - Professional Development Committee: Senator and Committee Chair, Kyle Greenberg updated the Senate on the purpose and direction of the committee and its sustainability. The goals and activities of the committee will, for now, be internal focusing on the Senators. When ready, the committee can expand to provide service for the staff community. Senate voted all in favor (18 votes) to make the Professional Development Committee official.

New Business

- Letter from the President
  - A letter from President Timothy Synder was shared with the Senate.

- Report on the Senior Leadership Retreat
  - As Staff Senate president, Fred Puza attended the President’s Leadership Retreat.
  - The retreat focused on team work activities.

- National Association of Jesuit Staff Governance
  - Fred Puza is in discussion of the possibility of Staff Senates in Jesuit schools connecting and forming a National Association of Jesuit Staff Governance.

- HR Benefits Fair, Monday, October 23rd, 10am-2pm
  - Fred Puza reminded the Senate of the upcoming HR Benefits Fair. The Recognition and Opportunities Committee will begin preparations.

- Staff Appreciation Week
  - Nicole Murph updated the Senate on Staff Appreciation Week. It will be held in the spring and an ad hoc committee will be developed to oversee planning of the week-long event. Details including dates will follow.

- Preparation for Committee Work
  - Fred Puza reminded the Senate of its 2017-2018 goals.
  - Kris Okimoto reminded the Senate’s committees to be aware of upcoming deadlines for events and activities that each committee is responsible for.

Committee Updates

- Signature Events Committee:
  - The committee beginning to prepare for upcoming events, including the tailgate events.

- Communications Committee:
  - With LMU transitioning to Emma, it will make it easier for the Senate to further streamline their communication efforts to the staff community.
  - The committee will also be working on a style guide that will be dispersed among Senators.
The Senate’s group Facebook page went up in early summer and the group has 91 staff members and growing.

Nicole Murph shared with the Senate that Dr. Abbie Robinson-Armstrong complimented the Senate on its improvement in its communications with the staff and the Senate’s advocacy on behalf of staff.