



**December 10, 2020**

## **Meeting Minutes**

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**Senators Present:** Angela Jackson, Ashley Isom, Carlos Herrera, Deloise Mowdy, Dierre Littleton, Elizabeth Gayfield, Gunnar Bartlett, Henry Smiley, Hunter Roberts, Jason Cole, Jason Davis, Jennifer Day, Julia Robison, Kristin Jetts, Lynetta Morris, Maree Herring, Melanie Watson, Nadia Eslinger, Natalie Shock, Richard Hammond, Shelby Fiegel, Steven Shook, Susan Peterson, Taylor Ingram,

**Senators Absent:** Michael Hopper, Shad Foley Thomas McDaniel, Paul Dielmann, Kyana Smith, Kimberly Klotz, Garth Clayborn, Audreka Peten, Angela Haynie

### **I. Call to Order**

- A. President Shook called the Staff Senate to order at 10:02 a.m. on Zoom.

### **II. Approval of October 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

- A. The minutes from the November 11, 2020 meeting were reviewed via email and approved electronically.

### **III. Officer Reports**

- I. President, Steven Shook
  - A. [COVID-19 updates](#)
  - B. The last Questions, Coffee, & Conversations of the semester will be December 14, from 2:00-3:30 via Zoom.
  - C. President Shook wants to give a big thank you to the Thankful Thanksgiving and Angel Bear committees for their hard work and dedication!
  - D. Graham Gillis will be retiring and interviews for his replacement will begin this Thursday. We will be sending out a Google Doc for senators to submit any questions for the candidates.

II. Vice-President, Nadia Eslinger

A. No report

III. Treasurer, Carlos Herrera

A. We are waiting for the December reports from the Foundation; they should be out next week. This will give us definitive numbers on Thankful Thanksgiving and Angel Bear. We had \$1928 in ticket sales and spent around \$1200 on unadopted angels and supplies.

IV. Secretary, Ashley Isom

A. No report.

V. Parliamentarian/Historian, Elizabeth Gayfield

A. No report.

#### **IV. Senate Committee Report/Highlights**

- A. Courtesy Committee: Senator Peterson has sent out one card and will be sending out another card shortly.
- B. Reynolds Committee: The last show of the semester will be this weekend. The committee will follow up in the spring semester to discuss shows for next year.
- C. Professional Development: \$2354 was awarded towards professional development in the 3rd quarter of the year. The committee will be doing a rolling admission process as they still have funds left for the year. The committee has asked if the training person can also be a voting member as it can be difficult to get a quorum. The executive committee talked about some of the requests that we get for the Foundation Grant, and have decided that will send them to professional development if their request is better suited for this committee.
- D. Basketball Committee: Senator Roberts and Senator Shock wanted to thank all the volunteers for making the first games of the season such a success! One more game has been added for December; you can sign up [here](#).

## **V. University Committee Reports**

- A. Committee on Committees: The committee met and have voted to dissolve the Financial Aid committee as they have not met in the last several years. The committee has created a new committee, the Veteran's Day Committee. Staff will have representation on this committee with the staff member serving a two year term. The committee also voted to revise membership on the Strategic Planning Committee.

## **VI. Campus Q&A**

- A. None.

## **VII. Constituent Concerns**

- A. There was a question raised about how often air filters are changed around campus. Normally this is done twice a year, but since the start of the COVID pandemic air filters are being replaced at least every 90 days.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- A. None

## **IX. New Business**

- A. Senator Jetts proposed that we create a document that outlines the voting and procedural protocols of the Staff Foundation Grant ad hoc committee. We will revisit this proposal in January.

## **X. Good and Welfare**

- A. Vice President Eslinger did a fantastic job during her Zoom presentation!
- B. A survey was sent out to those who purchased Thankful Thanksgiving tickets and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.
- C. The Conway Symphony Orchestra will be having a show next week. There are ticket discounts for staff and faculty. If you are interested, please contact Senator Bartlett.
- D. Senator Shock: Both of our basketball teams will be playing University of Arkansas this semester. This will be the first time for us to play against an instate school!

## **XI. Adjournment**

- A. Senator Bartlett motioned to adjourn, and Senator Shock seconded. Motion carried.