



**May 12, 2021**

## **Meeting Minutes**

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**Senators Present:** Angela Haynie, Angela Jackson, Ashley Isom, Audreka Peten, Carlos Herrera, Deloise Mowdy, Elizabeth Gayfield, Garth Clayborn, Gunnar Bartlett, Henry Smiley, Jason Cole, Jason Davis, Julia Robison, Kimberly Klotz, Kristin Jetts, Kyana Smith, Lynetta Morris, Maree Herring, Michael Hopper, Melanie Watson, Nadia Eslinger, Natalie Shock, Paul Dielmann, Richard Hammond, Shad Foley, Shelby Fiegel, Susan Peterson, Taylor Ingram, Thomas McDaniel

**Senators Absent:** Hunter Roberts, Jennifer Day, Steven Shook

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

- A. Vice-President Eslinger called the Staff Senate meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. on Zoom.

### **II. Approval of April 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

- A. The minutes from the April 28, 2021 meeting were reviewed via email and approved electronically.

### **III. Officer Reports**

- A. President, Steven Shook

1. Absent

- B. Vice-President, Nadia Eslinger

1. The Spring Social Committee did a great job! Thank you to the committee for planning such a great event!
2. COVID signs are changing across campus. The requirements for social distancing have gone from 6 feet to 3 feet. We will be requiring masks until July 29th.

3. [COVID-19](#)
4. Normal operations and work schedules will resume on Monday, May 17th.
5. Staff Senate's first in-person meeting will be held in room 205A in the Student Center on May 26th. There will not be an online option for this meeting. The meeting will be socially distanced and masks will be worn.

C. Treasurer, Carlos Herrera

1. Treasurer Herrera has ordered promotional items.
2. We are currently processing Professional Development reimbursements.

D. Secretary, Ashley Isom

1. No report.

E. Parliamentarian/Historian, Elizabeth Gayfield

1. No report.

F. Ex Officio, Kimberly Klotz

1. No report.

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

- A. Courtesy Committee: Three cards have been sent out. If anyone needs a card sent out, please contact Senator Peterson.
- B. Spring Social Committee: \$ 2589 was raised for various funds on campus with an additional \$82 raised for the Bear Essentials Food Pantry after the cutoff. A total of 451 attended, and several attendees picked up food for their coworkers.

#### **V. University Committee Reports**

- A. Staff Handbook Committee: There were a few policy changes that have been handed down from our legal team. The committee suggested a few grammatical edits and clarifications.

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

- A. None.

## **VII. Constituent Concerns**

- A. If we are going to require masks in buildings, shouldn't they be offered at the front of the building? Several people have had to leave the HPER because they did not have masks with them.
  - 1. Senator Hammond will take care of the issue.
- B. Someone has voiced a concern about the parking on the north side of the new Integrated Health Sciences building. The spaces are painted white and they wanted to know who the parking is designated for.
  - 1. Those parking spaces will be used for clinic visitor parking. There will be clear signage to reflect those specifications.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- A. None.

## **IX. New Business**

- A. Today we will be taking nominations for the Executive Board.
  - 1. Senator Mowdy asked if a person could run for a position if their term is about to expire, because that has happened in the past. Vice President Eslinger confirmed that our bylaws state a person running for a position must have enough time left in their term to fulfill their obligations. This mostly applies to the VP positions which have a two-year commitment. We will be sure to check this election that anyone running for a position has enough time remaining on their term.
  - 2. Historian Gayfield motioned to open the nominations. Senator Herring seconded the motion.
    - a) Vice-President Eslinger opened nominations for Vice-President. Treasurer Herrera was nominated and accepted the nomination.
    - b) Senator Hammond motioned to close the nomination. Senator Jackson seconded the motion.

- c) Senator Bartlett motioned to open the nominations for the remainder of the nominations. Senator Fiegel seconded the motion.
- d) Senator Jetts was nominated for Treasurer and accepted the nomination.
- e) Senator Clayborn was nominated for Secretary and accepted the nomination.
- f) Senator Watson was nominated for Historian/Parliamentarian and accepted the nomination.
- g) Senator Bartlett motioned to close the nominations. Senator Herring seconded the motion.

## **X. Good and Welfare**

- A. Senator Smiley's son is graduating from Conway High School in the top 10% of his class! He will be attending the University of Arkansas this fall!
- B. Senator Shock: We have won the Southland Academic Award!
- C. Vice-President Eslinger: Thank you to everyone who helped with graduation! We are so glad that we were able to host in-person graduation for our students!

## **XI. Adjournment**

- A. Senator Fiegel motioned to adjourn. Senator Watson seconded. Motion carried.