



**May 25, 2022**

## **Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**

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**Senators Present:** Audreka Peten, Carlos Herrera, Kristin Jetts, Melanie Watson, Nadia Eslinger, Garth Clayborn, Veneta Fricks, Thomas McDaniel, Jason Davis, Julia Robison, Christy Dade, Jennifer Day, Elizabeth Gayfield, Kimberly Klotz, Robyn Smith

**Senators Absent:** Courtney Bryant, Jason Cole, Shad Foley, Richard Hammond, Angela Jackson, Lynetta Morris, Angela Polk, Hunter Roberts, Jennifer Ruud, Natalie Shock, Steven Shook, Tina Wells

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

- II. President Eslinger called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

### **III. Approval of May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- A. The minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting have been posted online but have not yet been approved. Only 10 approvals right now.

### **IV. Guest Speakers**

- A. None

### **V. Officer Reports**

- A. President, Nadia Eslinger

1. BOT meeting tomorrow, link to livestream sent out
  - a) Budget approval
2. RFP Committee for Marketing Vendor
  - a) Four vendors interviewed this week; will be making a selection soon
3. Exec Board transitions should be happening right now

- B. Vice-President, Carlos Herrera

1. BOT meeting agenda sent out—any questions or comments?
2. May volunteer hours have been submitted for Commencement

3. Please continue to edit/offer suggestions on the Operations Manual
- C. Treasurer, Kristin Jetts
  1. Working on closing everything out and making sure purchases for retreat are taken care of
- D. Secretary, Garth Clayborn
  1. No Report
- E. Parliamentarian/Historian, Melanie Straw-Watson
  1. No Report
- F. Ex Officio, Steven Shook
  1. No Report

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

- A. Courtesy Committee
  1. No requests for cards to be sent out
- B. Employee Recognition Committee sent out EOY email; nominations due July 1
- C. Professional Development Q4 funding requests closed on Monday, May 23

## **VII. University Committee Reports**

- A. Quarterly Retirement Committee meeting happened yesterday; no changes to report
- B. University Calendar Committee met and approved the academic calendar for 2024-2025

## **VIII. Campus Q&A**

- A. None

## **IX. Constituent Concerns**

- A. Staff Senate received one constituent concern this morning regarding inflation and the fact that there is no COLA included in next year's budget
  1. Will send concern on to Amy Whitehead and President Davis
- B. Received suggestion to offer volunteer time for Move-in Day in August
- C. Received positive feedback regarding Focused Fridays next semester

## **X. Old Business**

- A. Remote Days in December

1. Sent Staff Senate's feedback to President Davis and recommended Fall Break instead of 2 days over Christmas holiday

B. Staff Retreat

1. June 22, 10-12 am

## **XI. New Business**

- A. Remote Fridays (July, amended motion)
  - a. We discussed providing 400 meal tickets to staff who are working on campus on two Fridays in July
  - b. Discussion whether to motion to include all Fridays instead of only two specific Fridays in July until 400 meal tickets run out
    - i. Table discussion for now

## **XII. Good and Welfare**

- A. Boys State Camp this week, then Dixie Band Camps the following two weeks
- B. SOAR begins on campus next week
- C. Thanks to poll volunteers who worked the Voting place in the Welcome Center yesterday
- D. April Davies in Financial Aid has a new granddaughter
- E. Dr. Webster is having another grandchild this Friday
- F. Get your Biometric Screening done for BeWell

## **XIII. Adjournment**

- A. Senator Watson motioned to adjourn. Senator Fricks seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.