

Regular Meeting Agenda January 8, 2025 10:00am Wingo 315

Senators Absent: 12 Senators Present: 18 Ex-officio: Present

## I. Call to Order

A. President Ables called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

# II. Approval of the Minutes

A. Will be sent for approval and then sent to the larger body.

# III. Guest Speakers

A. None

# **IV.** Officer Reports

- A. President Ables
  - 1. Along the lines of guest speakers: We will be having Trevor Seifert, Chief Information Officer- IT, to talk about phishing . There have been a lot of phishing attempts on campus. Amy Whitehead will be joining him. We want to keep the University's information secure and avoid any leaks.
  - 2. The board meeting date was changed to be February 28th at 10:00 AM. Along those lines, the next campus talk will be March 20th at X period. I'll be sharing updates along with SGA, Faculty Senate and President Davis.
  - 3. Salary Study: one of the things President Davis and Amy Whitehead wanted to kind of expand upon was getting a better understanding of the salary study for staff senate and faculty senate, execs and compensation committees. We're planning to have more in depth talks monthly. More results are coming in.
  - 4. Lastly, a big thank you to all the people who volunteered at graduation. We appreciate you. Graduation went extremely well.
- **B.** Vice President Fricks
  - 1. Volunteer Hours: December hours have been submitted to HR for last semester and we had 84 people across campus volunteer for a total of 718.75 hours. So special thanks to everyone who volunteered across campus. It helps raise funds for staff senate and helps people get the hours that they need for professional development fund requirements, etc. Big shout out to everyone who's volunteered.
- C. Treasurer Watson
  - 1. No report
- **D.** Secretary Kern
  - 1. No report
- E. Parliamentarian/Historian, Travis Johnson
  - 1. No report
- F. Ex Officio Ruud
  - 1. No report

#### V. Senate Committee Reports

- **A.** Angel Bear- Special thanks to everybody on the Angel Bear Committee. We helped 40 families with 83 Angels.
- **B.** Courtesy Committee
  - 1. 1 card

# VI. University Committee Reports

- A. Strategic Planning Committee
  - 1. We discussed themes and items to focus/consider for building our new strategic plan. We worked in groups to do a SWOT analysis and how to prioritize these items. An expert from EAB walked us through the process. We will begin Phase 2 of 4 immediately and next steps will be conveyed at the next meeting (TBD).
- **B.** Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast Committee
  - 1. We finalized all of the details for the upcoming MLK Prayer Breakfast. We delegated all impending tasks to make sure we have a successful event next Friday.
- C. Service Awards Committee
  - 1. Will meet on Friday (01.10) pending weather.

#### VII. Constituent Concerns/Communication

- A. Senator Morgan: They just wanted to know if the minutes will be updated?
  - 1. Response: They will

# VIII. Old Business

A. None

## IX. New Business

A. None

## X. Good and Welfare

- **A.** President Ables- I'm really excited for this year. It's gonna be a good one. It's already starting off really strong and I'm just excited to have a good year with y'all.
- **B.** Senator Turner- Student Center is having a retirement party for Carla Grant next Tuesday January 14th. So if you've worked with her, she's been here 36 years, so if you've worked with her in any capacity, please come by. Colin Stanton has been promoted, so Kendra Regehr was then promoted to Exec. Director of the SC, which left student activities open. So we have hired Trey Massingill. He was the SAB president for the last two years and now the Coordinator of Student Activity.
- **C.** Senator Fulton- Women's basketball game tonight (01.08), 6:30 pm at the Farris Center, the only home game this week. Women's basketball's home next week and then on January 23rd, which is two weeks from tomorrow. Men's basketball game against Austin P at 6:30 pm, and they're doing a special event with Conway Chamber of Commerce at 5 pm, which will be on the stage in the Farris Center.
- **D.** Senator Erickson- Reynolds will be kicking off here soon. Our first show is Jan 18th. So, if you haven't gone to give Pulse, all of the shows for this semester are up
- E. Senator Hall- If you know any transfer or readmit students who have been admitted and have not met with their at advisor, please encourage them to either reach out to their advisor (if they know who they are) or to reach out to transfer services and we can help them get connected so that they can get registered. They've got about a week left in order to get registered for classes, but of course, classes start Thursday so the sooner the better for them.

- **F.** Senator Calvery- The library may be closing early on Thursday (01.09) evening because of the weather. Even if the university's closed, the library is normally still open because we're considered essential. We're in the process of hiring two new librarians, so we'll have some new faces hopefully pretty soon.
- **G.** Senator Smith- OARS is hiring a blind and low vision assistant. It would be about 30 hours and the posting closes on Jan. 15th. The role is helping a blind student on our campus, not necessarily navigate the campus, but work in classes with them and the professor to make sure that they have what they need for their classes. If you know anybody that's interested, please have them apply.
- **H.** Senator Hammond- Hyper center will be looking at closing early on Thursday (01.09) night, um, abbreviated hours on Friday and possibly Saturday. Um, and then back to normal on Sunday. Second thing is that it is Bingo night tonight (01.08) for the basketball game. Please talk to people about volunteering. We have very low volunteers, so we need some volunteers for all games coming up this month.

#### XI. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn at 10:19 am by Treasurer Watson; seconded by Senator JW Calvery.

#### **Important Dates:**