

Arkansas State University
Staff Senate Meeting
December 5, 2007

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, in the Dean B.

Ellis Library Board Room on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. President Randy Martin called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. In attendance:

Deanna Barton – present
Sandra Bramblett - present
Steve Brown – Resigned
Carol Byrd – proxy Renita Gray
Phareta Calkin – present
John Carvell – present
Glenda Kay Childs – present
Joycelynne Coleman – absent
Shane Copeland – present
Ellena Cox – present
Laura Cremeens – present
Patrick Dixon – present
Tami Freeman – present
Rosemary Freer – present
Vanita Harvey – present
Debbie Jernigan – absent
Rhonda Keith – proxy Mark Loveland

David Kenley – absent
L. C. Kennedy – present
Cameron Martin – present
Randy Martin – present
Dena May – present
Helen McCoy – present
Terry Merriweather – present
Sharon Milligan – present
Elaine Poynter – present
Gail Rasberry – present
Jerry Sailor – present
Mia Sheppard-Taylor – present
Shawn Smee – present
Natalie Turney – present
Jennifer Jasinski – present
Vicki Walker – present
Randy West – present

Minutes:

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Treasury Report:

Senator Freeman, treasurer, distributed a one-page report of Staff Senate account balances as of November 30, 2007. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Wellness Program Update:

Chris Enger, Wellness Program Coordinator, reported that *Maintain-No Gain* would run through the holiday season.

Mr. Enger also stated that the *Healthy Activity Program* is an incentive program that allows employees to log activity. The number of minutes logged equals the number of chances for weekly prize drawings. Enrollment is open anytime to join this program. The *Arkansas Fitness Challenge* has been changed to *Blue and You Challenge* which will allow ASU to compete against other companies across the United States. *Diabetes Health Check* assists employees and/or spouses who carry Arkansas State insurance coverage by waiving co-payments and covering medical supplies if they remain in compliance with meetings. More information on all these programs is available on the ASU Wellness website.

New Business:

Dr. J. W. Mason presented the 2008/2009 Holiday Calendar for discussion. Three proposals are currently under consideration by the Chancellor's Executive Council. Two of the proposals would automatically assess employee vacation time. Senator Cremeens will send a link for the vBulletin Board asking employees to vote on the proposal they prefer. Results will be sent to Dr. Mason by December 12, 2007.

President Martin went over the shared governance proposals that required a vote by the Senate. Discussion was heard and voting results were as follows:

Risk Management Committee - Motion to accept by Senator Freer, second by Senator McCoy, approved by majority vote with one opposing.

Academic Calendar – Motion to accept by Senator Cremeens, second by Senator Barton, approved by majority vote with 15 in favor and 12 opposing.

President Martin gave an update on the mascot selection process and announced that two marketing firms were visiting ASU today.

Senator Carvell announced that the Stipend Committee recommends nine stipends be awarded at a minimum of \$200 each. Senator Cremeens stated that since expenses have risen for students and made

a motion to award nine stipends at \$250 each. Senator Sailor seconded, motion was approved unanimously.

Other Business:

Election of Vice President - In accordance with Senate bylaws, President Martin asked for nominations to fill the vacant position. One individual was named – Sandra Bramblett, senator from the Non-Faculty Professional category. On a motion by Senator Poynter, seconded by Senator Dixon, nominations ceased. Senator Bramblett was elected by a majority vote.

Welcome of New Senators - President Martin introduced new senators Shane Copeland who replaced Rhonda Keith and Shawn Smee who replaced Joycelyn Coleman in the Non-Faculty Professional category and Randy West who replaced Steve Brown in the Skilled Crafts category.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.