

Arkansas State University  
Staff Senate Meeting  
February 20, 2008

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 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 – resigned  
Sandra Bramblett – present  
Carol Byrd – present  
Phareta Calkin – proxy Lou Adams  
Jon Carvell – present  
Kaye Childs – present  
Jennifer Clack – present  
Shane Copeland – absent  
Ellena Cox – present  
Laura Cremeens – present  
Patrick Dixon – present  
Tami Freeman – present  
Rosemary Freer – absent  
Vanita Harvey – present  
Debbie Jernigan – absent  
David Kenley – absent

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

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

**Treasury Report:**

Senator Freeman, treasurer, distributed a one-page report of Staff Senate account balances as of January 31, 2008. Senator Freeman stated that funds for education stipend awards would be transferred to the Financial Aid office this week. The treasurer's report was accepted without changes.

### **Wellness Program Update:**

Chris Enger, Wellness Program Coordinator, gave an update on the wellness programs being offered:

- The *Biggest Loser* has 64 individuals and 120 teams registered and to date has lost a total of 160 pounds.
- *Blue and You Fitness Challenge* registration will take place the week of February 25, and more information will be placed on the ASU Digest.
- *Colleges Against Cancer 5K Run/Walk*, hosted by the American Cancer Society, will be held March 8. More information will be placed on the ASU Digest.

### **Old Business:**

Lori Roach, Director of Human Resources, gave an update on the changes to the staff handbook. A final draft will be presented on March 1 and will require final approval from all ASU System campuses. She gave a thank you to the Staff Senate representatives for all their hard work to get this goal accomplished.

### **New Business**

Senator Helen McCoy gave a presentation on the recycling program. Plans include placement of recycling bins in every building once funds are secured for purchase. Current bins are available on the west side of the physical plant for everyone to use.

### **Other Business:**

President Martin announced that the holiday schedule had been approved. The university will officially close at 5:00 pm on Dec 19 and reopen at 8:00 am on Jan 5. Each employee will be assessed three mandatory vacation days.

Senator Cremeens proposed a fundraising project for Staff Senate. A signature quilt, containing signatures from ASU employees and with an Indian theme, will be constructed by ASU staff employees and auctioned off at the Staff Senate Picnic. A motion was made by Senator Dixon to sell signature blocks for \$5 and sell the quilt at the Staff Senate Picnic, seconded by Senator Byrd, motion passed by majority vote. Senator Cremeens will begin working on the project and more details will be forthcoming.

President Martin welcomed new senator Jennifer Clack, who replaces Deanna Barton in the Secretarial/Clerical category.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.