

**Arkansas State University  
Staff Senate Meeting  
January 18, 2006**

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met Wednesday, January 18, 2006, in the Dean B. Ellis Library Boardroom on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. Mr. Tony Bittle, Vice-president of the Staff Senate, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. In attendance:

Lesley Bauders – present  
Tony Bittle – present  
Margaret Brewer - present  
Carol Byrd – absent  
Barbara Coker – present  
Laura Cremeens – present  
Patrick Dixon – absent  
Ann Ford – present  
Jimmy Griffin – absent  
Jeff Gulley – present  
Victor Hill – absent  
Toni Holt - present

Rhonda Keith – present  
Donna Kirksey – present  
Jarrod Lockhart – absent  
Randy Martin - present  
Dena May – present  
Don Neldon – absent  
Carolyn Reece – present  
Mia Sheppard-Taylor – present  
Natalie Turney – present  
Neal Vickers – present  
Evelyn Weatherford – present  
Vicki White – present

**Minutes**

Upon motion by Senator Vickers, second by Senator Keith, and passed by unanimous vote, the minutes of the October 19 meeting were approved.

**Treasury Report**

Ann Ford, treasurer, distributed a one-page report of Staff Senate account balances as of December 31, 2005. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

**New Business**

Wellness program update – Chris Enger, Wellness Program Coordinator, said a new schedule of employee wellness classes is available on his website at <http://hr.astate.edu/wellness/classcalendar.php>. He mentioned upcoming wellness events and gave an overview of a tentative program being developed for state employees. He will provide more information on the events and the programs to employees as soon as they have been confirmed. Questions or comments about the wellness program may be directed to Chris at [cenger@astate.edu](mailto:cenger@astate.edu), 972-3974.

General Assembly 2006 – Vice-president Bittle asked for comments regarding the need to schedule a general assembly for all campus classified and non-classified employees in 2006. Upon motion by Senator Vickers, second by Senator Weatherford, the matter was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Distinguished Service Awards – Senator Freeman informed the Senate that she would present details regarding plans for this year’s Distinguished Service Awards ceremony at the February meeting.

Staff Senate Retreat – Vice-president Bittle asked for suggestions of a date for the 2006 Staff Senate retreat. Upon motion by Senator Keith, second by Senator Weatherford, the matter was tabled for discussion at the April meeting.

Reminders and announcements – Vice-president Bittle reminded everyone that election of new senators will take place in March and new officers will be elected in April.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Submitted by  
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