

Arkansas State University
Staff Senate Meeting
January 16, 2008

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met on Wednesday, January 16, 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 – absent	Cameron Martin – present
Sandra Bramblett – present	Randy Martin – present
Carol Byrd – proxy Renita Gray	Dena May – present
Phareta Calkin – present	Helen McCoy – present
Jon Carvell – absent	Terry Merriweather – present
Kaye Childs – present	Sharon Milligan – present
Shane Copeland – present	Elaine Poynter – present
Ellena Cox – proxy Phyllis Johnson	Gail Rasberry – present
Laura Cremeens – present	Jerry Sailor – present
Patrick Dixon – present	Mia Sheppard-Taylor – present
Tami Freeman – present	Shawn Smee – present
Rosemary Freer – present	Natalie Turney – present
Vanita Harvey – absent	Jennifer Jasinski – present
Debbie Jernigan – present	Vicki Walker – present
David Kenley – present	Randy West – present
L. C. Kennedy – present	

Minutes:

The minutes of the December meeting were approved with the following corrections. Randy West's name was added to the attendance list and marked as present.

Treasury Report:

Senator Freeman, treasurer, distributed a one-page report of Staff Senate account balances as of December 31, 2007. The treasurer's report was accepted without changes.

Wellness Program Update:

Jennifer Jasinski presented the following on behalf of Chris Enger, Wellness Program Coordinator:

- The *Biggest Loser* is a 15-week fitness program for individuals and/or teams. The cost to participate is \$10 for each category and weigh-ins will begin next week. More information will be available on the ASU Wellness website.

Old Business:

As a follow-up on the Educational Stipend Awards, President Martin passed around thank you cards and letters from award recipients.

New Business

Dr. Marti Allen, ASU Museum Director, talked about upcoming special exhibits and changes taking place in the museum.

Senator Cremeens announced that electronic voting will replace paper ballots in the upcoming nomination and election for new senators. Employees will use their Astate username and password to log in to a special web page for their EEO category.

Senator Cremeens gave an update on the Constitution Review Committee's work. The committee proposed the following changes:

1. Reduce number of part-time senators from two to one. Reason: Number of part-time employees who are not students does not justify the appointment of two representatives.
2. Article 9 – Point 3 – Make annual general assembly every year optional. Reason: Poor attendance and difficulty in convening executive administrators.
3. Article 10 – Establishment of the Educational Stipend Award Committee as a standing committee.
4. Article 12, Policies & Procedures, No 7 – Senate records storage will be in the Administration Building, ground floor filing cabinet, rather than at Procurement Services.

Motion to accept changes as stated by Senator C. Martin, second by Senator Poynter, approved by majority vote.

Other Business:

Mascot Committee - President Martin said the mascot choices have been narrowed to three themes – train, Red Wolves & Ridge Riders. The committee is working with Phoenix Design Works on the designs, copyright issues, trademarks and legality concerns. The next meeting will be held January 30 in the Student Union Chickasaw room at 9:30 a.m. Senator Kenley asked if a poll could be set up for the staff to vote on these three themes to see which one President Martin should represent further for the staff. Senator Cremeens will send a link for the vBulletin Board asking employees to vote on the theme they prefer.

Picnic Committee – President Martin announced that Senator Calkin and Chris Enger will co-chair the committee this year. Senator Calkin asked each senator for silent auction items or names to contact for donations.

Performance Awards Committee – Senator Freeman will chair the committee again this year. The ceremony will be held on April 3 with a lunch for committee members and distinguished award recipients at 11:30 a.m. The award presentation ceremony will start at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow.

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.