

Arkansas State University
Staff Senate Meeting
July 18, 2007

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, in the Dean B. Ellis Library Board Room on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. President Randy Martin called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. In attendance:

Deanna Barton – present	Rhonda Keith – present
Lesley Bauders – proxy Sanoya Amienyi	L. C. Kennedy – present
Sandra Bramlett – present	Cameron Martin – present
Steve Brown – present	Randy Martin – present
Carol Byrd – present	Dena May – present
Phareta Calkin – present	Helen McCoy – present
Jon Carvell – proxy Jennifer Cortez	Terry Merriweather – absent
Glenda Childs – present	Elaine Poynter – present
Joycelynne Coleman – present	Gail Rasberry – proxy Jill Self
Ellena Cox – proxy Charlene Brown	Jerry Sailor – present
Laura Cremeens – present	Mia Sheppard-Taylor – present
Patrick Dixon – absent	Brandi Thompson – present
Tami Freeman – present	Natalie Turney – absent
Rosemary Freer – present	Jennifer Jasinski – present
Vanita Harvey – present	Vicki Walker – present
Debbie Jernigan – absent	Tim Weaver – absent

Minutes:

The minutes of the June meeting were approved with the following corrections:
Joycelynne Coleman was present; her name was omitted from the attendance list.

Treasury Report:

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

Wellness Program Update:

Chris Enger, Wellness Program Coordinator, reported that ASU won the Arkansas Fitness Challenge with 400 employees signed up to participate and 277 completing the challenge.

Cardiovascular health screenings are completed and the aggregate data will be used for future programs. Five hundred seventy-one employees from the ASU Jonesboro campus participated in the screenings.

Active in August will begin August 6 for participants to log any physical activity that is considered healthy. Prize drawings will be held and more information about sign up will be on the ASU Digest.

Old Business:

Senator Calkin gave an updated report on the Staff Senate Picnic. The total proceeds from the silent auction and donations from the bake sale totaled \$4,558.00, an increase of more than \$1,500 from the previous year. Staff Senate educational stipends are funded with the money raised at this annual event. Stipends are available to employees and their dependents on the ASU campus in Jonesboro.

New Business:

Lori Roach, Humans Resource Director, discussed the changes that needed to be made in the employee system handbook. She made the recommendation of forming a sub-committee through Staff Senate with Human Resources chairing the committee to look at policies affecting the Jonesboro campus specifically. She said the work of the committee will require several meetings this fall.. President Martin asked for volunteers from each EEO category to serve on the committee. Senators agreeing to serve are as follows:

Elaine Poynter – Non-Faculty Professional
Helen McCoy – Service/Maintenance
L. C. Kennedy – Secretarial/Clerical
Phareta Calkin – Technical/Para-Professional
Steve Brown – Skilled Crafts
Jennifer Jasinski – Executive Managerial/Administrative

President Martin said the following have been appointed review the Staff Senate Constitution and Bylaws and recommend updates:

Victor Hill, Past President
Laura Cremeens, Past President
Joycelyne Coleman, Vice President
Mia Sheppard-Taylor, Staff Senator
Carol Barnhill, Parliamentarian

Other Business:

Departure of Senator - Senator Brandi Thompson resigned her duties as senator and thanked everyone for allowing her to serve. President Martin expressed his appreciation of her contributions and wished her well in her new endeavors.

The remainder of Senator Thompson's term will be filled from among those in her EEO category who received the next highest number of votes in the last election.

Announcements:

President Martin asked senators to wear their shirts to the August meeting for group picture.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.