

Arkansas State University
Staff Senate Meeting
March 19, 2008

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met on Wednesday, March 19, 2008, in the Dean B. Ellis Library Board Room on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. President Randy Martin called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. In attendance:

Sandra Bramblett – present	Cameron Martin – present
Carol Byrd – present	Randy Martin – present
Phareta Calkin – present	Dena Bolar Graves (May) – proxy Kali Brown
Jon Carvell – present	Helen McCoy – present
Kaye Childs – present	Terry Merriweather – present
Jennifer Clack – present	Sharon Milligan – present
Shane Copeland – present	Elaine Poynter – absent
Ellena Cox – present	Gail Rasberry – present
Laura Cremeens – absent	Jerry Sailor – absent
Patrick Dixon – present	Mia Sheppard-Taylor – present
Tami Freeman – present	Shawn Smee – absent
Rosemary Freer – present	Natalie Turney – present
Vanita Harvey – absent	Jennifer Jasinski – present
Debbie Jernigan – absent	Vicki Walker – present
David Kenley – present	Randy West – absent
L. C. Kennedy – absent	

Minutes:

The minutes of the February meeting were approved with the following corrections: Rosemary Freer's name was added to the attendance list and marked as absent.

Treasury Report:

Senator Freeman, treasurer, distributed a one-page report of Staff Senate account balances as of February 28, 2008. The treasurer's report was accepted without changes.

Wellness Program Update:

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

- *Blue and You Fitness Challenge* has 269 employees registered. ASU won the first round of competition with the biggest increase in enrollment.
- To date a total of 500 pounds has been lost by individuals and teams in the *Biggest Loser* competition.

Old Business:

Senator Freeman announced the employee service award ceremony will be held on May 5th at 2:00 p.m. Nominations must be received by her no later than 5:00 pm, April 7th.

Senator Calkin announced the employee picnic will be held May 16th and Chris Enger has agreed to chair the committee this year.

New Business:

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

FN Grade Proposal - Motion to accept by Senator McCoy, second by Senator Freeman, approved by majority vote.

Textbook Royalties – Passed with no comments.

Equity Handbook (Faculty) – Passed with no comments.

Other Business:

President Martin thanked Senator Bramblett and Senator Cremeens for setting up the new senate officer election process. If anyone has a concern about which EEO category they are listed in please e-mail Senator Cremeens or Lori Roach.

President Martin announced that new officers will be elected at the next meeting. Senators were asked to e-mail him if they are interested in running for any of the positions. All nominations for shared governance committee appointments must be completed and e-mailed to him by May 5th.

The Civil Rights addition to the faculty handbook will also be placed in the staff handbook according to Lori Roach, Director of Human Resources.

Carol Barnhill, Director of Procurement Services announced that the Vendor Showcase will be held in the Student Union Centennial Hall on Wednesday, March 26th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Door prizes will be given away.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.