

**Arkansas State University
Staff Senate Meeting
May 17, 2006**

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in the Dean B. Ellis Library Boardroom on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. Mr. Victor Hill, President of the Staff Senate, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. In attendance:

Lesley Bauders – present
Margaret Brewer - present
Carol Byrd – present
Joycelyn Coleman – present
Laura Cremeens – present
Patrick Dixon – present
Tami Freeman – present
Jimmy Griffin – present
Toni Holt - present
L.C. Kennedy – present
Rhonda Keith – present
Donna Kirksey – Proxy Mary Smith

Jerrod Lockhart – Proxy David Shaw
Randy Martin - present
Dena May – present
Terry Merriweather – present
Don Neldon – present
Jerry Sailor – present
Mia Sheppard-Taylor – present
Brandi Thompson – present
Natalie Turney – present
Neal Vickers – present
Vicki Walker – present
Evelyn Weatherford – Proxy Jill Self

Departing senators:

Tony Bittle – present
Barbara Coker – present
Ann Ford – present

Jeff Gulley – present
Victor Hill – present
Carolyn Reece - present

Minutes

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

Treasury Report

Senator Ann Ford, treasurer, distributed a one-page report of Staff Senate account balances as of April 31, 2006. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

New Business

Childcare facility update – Robin Doyle, Candy Morrison and Dotty King presented an update on the plans for the recently approved child development center to be built on campus. Ms. Doyle said the facility will be a benefit to ASU students and employees as well as the Jonesboro community. Questions or comments regarding the project may be addressed to

rdoyle@astate.edu or jnalley@astate.edu.

Outstanding Performance Awards update – Tami Freeman reported briefly that the recent awards ceremony went well and the committee is seeking replacements for four members whose terms ended this year. She said they will begin working in January to plan for next year's event.

Human Resources update – JW Mason reported that phase three of evaluation of the employee pay plan is complete. Phase four will begin soon with the convening of a statewide committee to write new job description. The project will be presented to the Arkansas legislature for review in October 2006.

Election of new officers – The following senators were elected by majority vote of senators present which constituted a quorum:

President – Laura Cremeens

Vice President – Neal Vickers

Secretary – Vicki Walker

Treasurer – Rhonda Keith

Reminders and Announcements

- President Hill reminded everyone about the Staff Senate retreat scheduled for Friday, June 2, 8:30 a.m. to noon, in the Student Union, Mockingbird Room. He invited all to send him items for the agenda.
- President Hill announced that Jimmy Griffin, senator from the Skilled Crafts category, will retire after this meeting. He position will be filled by Steven Brown.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Submitted by
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