

Arkansas State University
Staff Senate Meeting
October 18, 2006

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, in the Dean B. Ellis Library Board Room on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. President Laura Cremeens called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. In attendance:

Lesley Bauders – present
Margaret Brewer – present
Steve Brown – absent
Carol Byrd – present
Joycelyn Coleman – present
Laura Cremeens – present
Patrick Dixon – present
Tami Freeman – absent
Toni Holt – present
Rhonda Keith – present
L. C. Kennedy – present
Donna Kirksey – present

Jerrod Lockhart – present
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 – absent

Departing Senators:
Victor Hill – present

Part-Time Senators:
Debbie Jernigan – present
Vanita Harvey – present

Minutes:

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Treasury Report:

Senator Rhonda Keith, Treasurer, distributed a one-page report of Staff Senate account balances as of September 30, 2006. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Other Business:

Chris Enger, Wellness Program Coordinator, reported that 201 faculty and staff members enrolled in the Walktober fitness program and 180 of those have logged participation hours.

Because of the success of the Walktober program, other programs are being considered to provide fitness support through the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

A schedule of new fitness classes can be found on the wellness program website.

New Business:

Campus Safety – Senator Randy Martin distributed copies of fliers which were placed in every residence hall to provide students information about the University Police Department. He reported that over 1,000 magnets listing important telephone numbers were also given to students on move-in day.

Senator Martin provided an overview of the new adopt-a-hall program which assigns officers to patrol in a particular residence hall. Officers also arrange special meetings with students on safety issues. He asked senators to encourage their constituents to help promote safety awareness and to report any suspicious behavior to UPD. When questioned about the hiring additional officers, Senator Martin replied that at this time no additional officers would be hired but funding has been approved for 17 student patrol officers to help walk each building and lock doors every night. The student patrol officers observe and report suspicious situations to UPD but they do not take direct action.

AccessPoint Groups – Brian Davidson, Information & Technology Services, gave a presentation on how to use AccessPoint Groups. President Cremeens encouraged senators to begin utilizing it to promote communication of relevant information among all staff members at ASU.

St. Bernards Weight Loss Program – Emily Devereux, St. Bernards HMR Program Coordinator, gave a presentation on the new weight loss program being conducted by St. Bernards Center for Weight Loss.

President Cremeens reminded everyone that Staff Senate Educational Stipend applications are due November 1 and Santa's Tribe applications are due November 10. Both applications can be found on the Staff Senate website.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.