

Arkansas State University
Staff Senate Meeting
October 17, 2007

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, in the Dean B.

Ellis Library Board Room on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. President Randy Martin called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. In attendance:

Deanna Barton – present
Lesley Bauders – resigned
Sandra Bramblett – proxy Hope Phillips
Steve Brown – present
Carol Byrd – present
Phareta Calkin – present
Jon Carvell – present
Glenda Kay Childs – present
Joycelyne Coleman – present
Ellena Cox – proxy Sherry Eskridge
Laura Cremeens – present
Patrick Dixon – present
Tami Freeman – proxy Charlene Walton
Rosemary Freer – present
Vanita Harvey – present
Debbie Jernigan – present

Rhonda Keith – present
David Kenley – absent
L. C. Kennedy – present
Cameron Martin – present
Randy Martin – present
Dena May – absent
Helen McCoy – present
Terry Merriweather – present
Sharon Milligan – present
Elaine Poynter – present
Gail Rasberry – present
Jerry Sailor – present
Mia Sheppard-Taylor – present
Natalie Turney – absent
Jennifer Jasinski – present
Vicki Walker – present

Minutes:

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Treasury Report:

Charlene Walton, on behalf of Treasurer Freeman, distributed a one-page report of Staff Senate account balances as of October 15, 2007. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Wellness Program Update:

Chris Enger, Wellness Program Coordinator, reported that *Walktober* was underway and he will post a survey in the upcoming month for interest in developing new exercise classes.

Mr. Enger also stated that the *No Gain – Maintain* program will be offered during the holiday season again this year. More information will be placed on the ASU Daily Digest about sign-up information.

New Business:

President Martin went over the shared governance proposals that required a vote by the Senate. Prior to discussion, Senator Sailor made a motion to accept all proposals without any discussion, seconded by Senator Brown, all opposed. Discussion was heard and voting results were as follows:

Academic Calendar Proposal - Motion to accept by Senator Rasberry, second by Senator McCoy, approved unanimously.

ISS Committee – Motion to table until further instruction by Senator McCoy, seconded by Senator Poynter, approved unanimously.

Re-Organized DCAC Committee – Motion to define purpose of committee and table until further instruction by Senator McCoy, seconded by Senator Merriweather, approved unanimously.

Risk Management Committee – Motion to accept by Senator Merriweather, seconded by Senator McCoy, approved unanimously.

President Martin went over the mascot selection process and stressed that senators must confer with their EEO category constituents to vote on the mascot choices.

President Martin asked senators to e-mail him with name of anyone interested in being on the Centennial Celebration Committee. This committee will meet to help form ideas, solutions and projects for the upcoming celebration and will run through 2009.

Due to the holiday season, discussion was heard to combine the November and December Staff Senate meetings. A motion to combine meetings and confer on December 5th was made by Senator Barton, seconded by Senator Merriweather, approved unanimously.

Other Business:

Departure of Senators – President Martin announced with the new system changes, Senators Joycelyn Coleman and Rhonda Keith will resign their duties in December. President Martin expressed his appreciation of their contributions and wished them well in their new endeavor.

The remainder of Senator Coleman's position of Vice President will be filled at our next meeting. President Martin urged each senator to consider the VP position as well as all officer positions that will become available for next year.

Welcome of New Senator - President Martin introduced new senator David Kenley who replaces Lesley Bauders in the Non-Faculty Professional category.

Announcements:

President Martin announced that new leave time was approved by the state which allows employees to use up to 8 hours of leave time per calendar year for child education purposes. More information about this new leave time can be obtained from the Human Resources department.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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