

**Arkansas State University
Staff Senate Meeting
September 21, 2005**

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met Wednesday, September 21, 2005, 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. Attendance:

Lesley Bauders – present
Tony Bittle – absent
Margaret Brewer - absent
Carol Byrd – present
Barbara Coker – present
Laura Cremeens – present
Patrick Dixon – present
Ann Ford – present
Jimmy Griffin – present
Jeff Gulley – absent
Victor Hill - present
Toni Holt - present

Rhonda Keith – present
Donna Kirksey – present
Jarrod Lockhart – Bryan Ulmer, proxy
Randy Martin - present
Dena May – present
Don Neldon – present
Carolyn Reece – Kathy Newberry, proxy
Mia Sheppard-Taylor – absent
Natalie Turney – present
Neal Vickers – Carol Tinsley, proxy
Evelyn Weatherford – Betty Dotter, proxy
Vicki White – Debbie Davis, proxy

Minutes

The minutes of the August 17 Staff Senate meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasury Report

Ann Ford, treasurer, distributed a one-page report of Staff Senate account balances as of September 19, 2005. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

New Business

Educational stipend committee report – Elaine Poynter reported on educational stipends awarded in January 2005. She distributed a request to increase the number of stipend awards from five to 10 for the 2006 calendar year. A motion to increase number of awards was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Donna Kirksey. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

General assembly update – Natalie Turney reported that this year's general assembly will be cancelled since ASU's president and vice chancellors have already met with the Staff Senate in July to discuss current campus issues.

Wellness program update – Chris Enger distributed two pages of information on Walktober, a campus-wide exercise incentive program taking place during the month of

October. He reported on the results of the recently conducted wellness survey and provided updates on other fitness classes and activities currently available.

Childcare program update – Jo Ann Nalley reported on the current enrollment status at the ABC preschool enrollment program at ASU. She requested assistance from senators in getting the word out regarding openings still available to qualified applicants.

Shared governance committees – President Hill said he will take names of volunteers or assign senators to fill positions on shared governance committees in the near future. He noted that all staff members are eligible to serve on shared governance committee, not Staff Senate members only.

Hurricane Katrina assistance – President Hill said Staff Senate and Santa's Tribe were prohibited by law from using state funds to make awards to non-ASU individuals, and therefore did not make donations to any local, regional or national charitable organizations for the relief effort.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Laura Cremeens
Staff Senate Secretary