



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

August 17, 2022 10:00 am Library Conference Room 622

	<p>Senators: Greg Andrews, Kristal Anzalone, Chloe Beaver, James Beinkemper, Mallory Benedetto - Parliamentarian, Fernando Cordova, Therese Filhiol, Cindy Foust, Andrew Hardee - President Elect, Joanna Hunter - Secretary, Dana Mejia, Meghan Olinger - President, Melissa Rhodes-Past President, Sarah Siereveld, Ahmaad Solmone, Nicole Walker, Chris Williams, Faith Wilson</p>
Attendees	<p>Visitors: John Sutherlin, Ayush Gupta, Deb Morse, Amber Danna</p>
Excused/Absent	<p>Jimmy Waller, Sara Webb</p>
Call to Order	<p>August 2022 Staff Senate Meeting called to order by President Olinger Roll taken by Secretary Hunter Visitors welcomed by President Olinger</p>
Approval of Minutes	<p>Motion made by Senator Sarah Siereveld to approve the Minutes of the July 2022 meeting. Seconded by Senator Cindy Foust.</p>
Guest Speaker	<p>No guest speaker.</p>
Reports of Committees	<p>Handbook committee still working on 21-22 Handbook approval.</p>
New Business	<p>Melissa Rhodes mentioned the two new policy updates regarding employee fee waivers and comp time. President Olinger mentioned the opportunity fund and future discussion of possible projects. Dr. Sutherlin mentioned that grant opportunities are available for staff and his office would be glad to help support staff in searching for grants. Senator Siereveld mentioned the t-shirt swap with 31 ambassadors. There was also discussion about staff senate volunteering to help with Alumni tailgating.</p>
Continuing Business	<p>President Olinger thanked everyone for their response to the Academic Affairs strategic planning committee volunteer list. There was a good turn out and she emailed Dr. Arant a list of those senators who had completed the form. President Olinger let staff senate know that there is now a shared governance meeting once a month with President Berry that includes Staff Senate, Faculty Senate and SGA presidents. Melissa Rhodes discussed staff onboarding and that Melissa Ducote is working on that information.</p>
Open Discussion	<p>President Olinger reminded everyone about Week of Welcome and encouraged senators to participate. Thank you sent out to the move in mania crew and that Convocation was moved to later date due to weather. President Olinger brought up selecting guest speakers for future staff senate meetings. Senators Beaver, Rhodes, and Benedetto suggested Michael Davis, Deans and Alumni office.</p>
Adjournment	<p>There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Senator Therese Filhiol and seconded by Senator Faith Wilson. Meeting adjourned by President Olinger. The next Staff Senate meeting will be on September 21 at 10:00 am in the Library Conference Room 622.</p>