



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

February 15, 2023 10:00 am Library 622

Attendees	<p>Senators: Greg Andrews, Kristal Anzalone, Chloe Beaver, Mallory Benedetto - Parliamentarian, Fernando Cordova, Therese Filhiol, Joanna Hunter – Secretary/Treasurer, Meghan Olinger-President, Dana Mejia, Melissa Rhodes – Past President, Sarah Siereveld, Ahmaad Solmone, Nicole Walker, Jimmy Waller, Sara Webb, Faith Wilson</p> <p>Visitors: Allison Thompson, Chasity Green, Alma Marjanovic, Wes Welch, Jennifer Huey, Jenny Pankey, Sabrina McClain, Anna Grigsby, Stephanie Hendry,</p>
Excused/Absent	James Beinkemper, Cindy Foust, Andrew Hardee – President elect, Chris Williams
Call to Order	
<p>February Staff Senate Meeting called to order by President Olinger Roll taken by Joanna Hunter Visitors welcomed by President Olinger</p>	
Approval of Minutes	
<p>Motion made by Senator Therese Filhiol to approve the Minutes of the January 2023 meeting. Seconded by Senator Ahmaad Solmone.</p>	
Guest Speaker	
None	
Reports of Committees	
<p>Communication- N/A Handbook – New Chair Staff welfare- N/A By-Laws – Classified staff representation Elections- Coming up soon</p>	
Continuing Business	
<p>Executive Board will meet about CAB/SGA sponsored meals and will bring something to vote on next month. Deceased staff members – resolution drafted for the recognition of those who have passed. Vote on the resolution next month.</p>	
New Business	
<p>Foundation Awards – a review of the guidelines and possible adjustments to elevate the level of prestige, possibly similar judgement criteria to faculty awards.</p>	

Classified Staff Representation – President Olinger and Dr. Arant have discussed the need for classified staff representation through staff senate. What does that look like? Option: ad-hoc committee led by an unclassified staff senate member. The committee could provide feedback and ensure their voice is heard as well.

Shared Governance- Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and SGA presidents met with Dr. Berry 1/23/23 and discussed student concerns, athletic director, budgets, and safety. They are hoping to have the meetings more consistently.

Faculty & Staff Professional Development Center interviews – Executive Board met with both director candidates. There were also open forums for each candidate. This center is part of the strategic plan.

LBGTQ+ Policy – A need for this policy was mentioned by Dr. Sutherlin in our December meeting. It was noted that there is no policy for the use of preferred name/pronoun. President Olinger stated that Drew has worked on a joint resolution with faculty and staff. Dr. Sutherlin is also working with a graduate assistant on policy language as well. The hope is for a resolution shared by Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and SGA. President Olinger will email all senators the documents for review and a possible vote next month.

Handbook Committee – James Beinkemper new chair.

Service hours – a reminder to document them, or send them to Joanna for documentation. Also a list of upcoming activities was mentioned such as the social studies fair, athletics, casino night, and Spring Fever.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Senator Greg Andrews and seconded by Senator Faith Wilson. Meeting adjourned by President Olinger. The next Staff Senate meeting will be on March 15 at 10:00 am in the Library Conference Room 622.

