



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

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JANUARY 15, 2014 9:30 AM

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ROOM 622

ATTENDEES	Christi Bailey, Kelli Cole, Kristi Davis, Michael Davis, Jason Dunavant, Richard Duran, Seth Hall, Jeff Hendrix, Russell Hollis, Shelley Johnston, Patricia Pate, Cyndy Robertson, Whitney Sutherland, Lindsey Wilkerson
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Kyle O'Neal

Agenda topics

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Staff Senate was held on January 15, 2014 in the University Library Room 622 and called to order at 9:33 am by Lindsey Wilkerson, President. A quorum was present.
MINUTES	Minutes of the previous meeting held December 11, 2013 were reviewed by the committee. A change was proposed and noted. Cyndy Robertson moved to approve the amended minutes; Shelley Johnston seconded. Motion passed.

DISCUSSIONS	<p>President's Report: Lindsey Wilkerson informed the staff senate of the upcoming Education Workforce Summit. He provided handouts that detailed the information of the upcoming meeting to be held on February 13, 2014 from 2:30-4:30 possibly in the ULM SUB. The purpose of the meeting is to keep focus on keeping higher education funded. Lindsey encouraged the staff senate to attend.</p> <p>During the previous staff senate meeting, a request was made to have the staff and faculty senates collaborate in some way. Lindsey said that he would speak with John Anderson, the faculty senate president, and ask if he would attend the staff senate meeting in February 2014. Lindsey asked what the staff senate would like to discuss with Dr. Anderson. The responses were the following: What are some faculty issues. How can we work more collaboratively? Discuss professional courtesy and how to have better collaboration and partnerships. It was noted at a previous Academic Affairs talk, Dr. Pani expressed that he would like to see the faculty and staff senate work more collaboratively.</p>
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	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Communication: Jeff Hendrix had nothing to report.</p> <p>Constitution and By-Laws: Kyle O’Neal was absent. Lindsey Wilkerson noted that the staff senate would vote on the four amendments at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>Staff Welfare: Kelli Cole had nothing to report.</p> <p>Elections: Michael Davis noted that the faculty senate will provide a list of those not eligible for faculty senate to help the staff senate determine who is eligible to serve on the staff senate. Lindsey told Michael Davis that he will show the committee members how to set up the election.</p> <p>Unfinished Business: Lindsey Wilkerson is working on the staff survey and will discuss with President Bruno how he would like to move forward with this project.</p> <p>New Business: Four amendments to the constitution and by-laws were presented to the staff senate. The language of the four amendments was discussed; it was decided to leave it as it is. Grammatical issues were discussed and included changing the pronoun “their” to “his or her” when the sentence was referring to a singular senate member. A vote was made to approve the amended by-laws. Lindsey Wilkerson made a motion to approve. All were in favor; no one opposed. Amendments pending grammatical changes were approved.</p>
	<p>Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m. in the Academic Affairs Conference Room 622.</p>
<p>CONCLUSIONS</p>	<p>There being no further business Whitney Sutherland made a motion to adjourn; Patricia Pate seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.</p>