

Staff Senate Regular Meeting
May 9, 2019
University House

Members Present: Denise Bignar, Alex Booth, Roy Cordell, Katherine Kimmerly, Collin Caley, Michela Cupello, EmmaLe Davis, Katie Doughty, Trisha Ducote, Rachel Gray, Cecilia Grossberger-Medina, Derrick Hartberger, Travis Hefley, Evan Hinchliffe, Daniela Kidd, Jeremy McAtee, Elizabeth McKinley, Debbie(XO) McCloud, Cedar Middleton, Devyn Moore, Cindy Morley, Autumn Parker, Allen Porter, Stephen Ritterbush, Bryon Speller, Susan Stiers, Elon Turner, Quincy Ward, Trish Watkins, Colleen Whitman, Toya Williams.

Members Absent: Raymond Anders, Ana Isabel Ayala, Clayton Hamilton, Terri Phelan, Michael Rau, Carrie Whitmer.

- I. The meeting was called to order by chair, Trish Watkins at 9:30 AM
- II. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda
- III. Roll Call – Byron Speller
- IV. Campus Updates
 - a. Parking and Transit – Jeremy McAtee
 - i. There will be a 2.8% parking permit increase for the next academic year
 1. Fees for parking without a permit have been changed to \$10
 2. Fees for parking in an incorrect lot and expired meter fees are now \$5
 - ii. The Walmart Shareholders meeting will be held June 7th
 1. 1,000 people will arrive June 3rd, another 1,000 on June 4th, and the remainder will arrive June 5th
 2. It is recommended that individuals take Friday, June 7th off if possible
 - iii. Parking lot changes
 1. Lot 38 will become staff parking
 2. Lot 14 will become parking for the new Greek house
 3. Lot 78 will contain 100 spaces off Douglas St and Whitham Ave
 4. Lot 99 will contain 100 spaces off Beechwood Ave
 - a. Evaluations will be underway to allow Fayetteville High School students to park in Lot 99 instead of Lot 56
 5. Lot 56 will be cleared for soccer and softball games, with ongoing evaluation of how many spaces will be cleared for events
 - iv. The City of Fayetteville will install a traffic light at Duncan Ave

1. This light will be coordinated with the Harmon Rd and Clinton Dr traffic lights in order to ease traffic congestion
- b. Human Resources – Debbie McCloud
 - i. The staff climate survey will be sent out after May 16th
 - ii. Budget has been submitted to University of Arkansas System Office for review and approval
 - iii. An increase to the mandatory retirement contribution is coming July 1, 2019
 - iv. Performance evaluations are at 75% completion for the campus
 - v. Human Resources has a new website
 - vi. Merit and COLA payments may become overall salary increases instead of lump sum payments
- V. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve 04/11/2019 meeting minutes
- VI. Committee Reports
- a. Elections - Elizabeth McKinley
 - i. Nominees for Staff Senate are in
 1. At large candidates are Erin Butler and Matthew Meyers
 2. Student Affairs candidates are Danielle Dunn, Kelly Westeen, Denise Bignar, Theresa Parrish, and Matthew Fey
 - ii. Nominations are now closed for Staff Senate
 - iii. Staff Senate members are highly encouraged to attend the June 13th Staff Senate meeting
 - b. Special Events – Elon Turner
 - i. Scholarship applications are open
 1. Requirements to apply for scholarships have been lessened
 - a. If an employee qualifies for the employee tuition waiver benefit, the employee also qualifies to apply for a scholarship
 - b. Please urge employees to apply for and advertise scholarships
 - i. An email may be sent to employees that qualify for the employee tuition waiver benefit in order to bring attention to scholarships
 - ii. More information regarding Staff Senate Scholarships are available online on the Staff Senate webpage:

staffsenate.uark.edu/scholarships-and-awards/staff-scholarship-award.php

- c. Special Events – Derrick Hartberger
 - i. The Staff Appreciation picnic will be June 17th at Razorback Stadium
 - 1. Volunteers are still needed for the previous day (Thursday, June 16th) to help set up and organize the area
 - 2. Volunteers are needed for the day of the picnic, Friday, June 17th
 - a. Grill cooks are needed to help cook and provide food to and from cooking stations
 - 3. Senate members are reminded to pick up a t-shirt to wear the day of and during the picnic for easy identification
 - d. Special Events – Trish Watkins
 - i. Pepsi did not donate this year – Chancellor Steinmetz has offered to pay for drinks for the Staff Picnic
- VII. New Business
- a. A vote for Chair of Staff Senate was performed with Trish Watkins retaining the position of Chair
 - b. Beginning June 13, Razorback Rd will be closed for construction, including a small section of Maple St in front of the Administration Building
- VIII. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 10:08 AM