Staff Senate Meeting Minutes 01/09/2020 Arkansas Union 503

- I. The meeting was called to order by chair, Trish Watkins, at 9:30 AM
- II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the agenda
- III. Roll Call Elon Turner
- IV. Campus Updates
 - a. Human Resources Updates Lisa Milam
 - 1. Mumps directives will be sent to employees and supervisors
 - i. Arkansas Department of Health will be visiting Pat Walker Health Center to perform vaccination clinics in January 9th through January 13th
 - a. Follow up vaccinations will be available in late January through February and will be advertised on campus and in Newswire
 - 2. New W-2's is now in effect
 - i. Only fill out a new W-2 if you'd like to change your deductions or elections.
 - b. Parking and Transit Updates David Wilson
 - 1. Red resident reserved lots can not be used by employees for parking from the beginning of the spring 2020 semester until the beginning of summer 2020
 - 2. No plans to add additional crosswalks to Maple St
 - 3. Renovations of Maple St to begin as early as summer 2020
 - i. Possibly adding a bike trail to Maple St
 - 4. Chartwells may be looking into operating a food truck on campus
- V. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve Staff Senate December meeting minutes
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Employee of the Year/Employee of the Quarter Travis Hefley
 - 1. Employee of the Quarter II nominations are due by January 15th
 - b. Legislative Devin Moore
 - 1. Arkansas income tax has been decreased from 6.9% to 6.6%
 - 2. Act 869 that allows law enforcement real-time data when they run a license plate went into effect on July 1, 2020
 - 3. Act 774 allows taxpayers to select direct deposit for their state refunds
 - 4. Act 564 requires the publication of all county budgets
 - 5. Act 653 prohibits state funding for destructive human embryo research or human cloning
 - Act 866 prohibits a business that is subject to a business closure order by the Department of Finance and Administration from contracting or doing business with the state
 - 7. The minimum wage has been increased to \$10 per hour as of January 1, 2020
 - 8. Know the Lowest Price Act now in effect nationally

- i. This bill prohibits a prescription drug plan under Medicare or Medicare Advantage from restricting a pharmacy from informing an enrollee of any difference between the price, copayment, or coinsurance of a drug under the plan and a lower price of the drug without health-insurance coverage.
- 9. Asa Hutchinson will be at Mermaids restaurant located in Fayetteville at 11:45 am for the Political Animals Club of Northwest Arkansas on Friday, January 10, 2020
- c. Scholarships EmmaLe Davis
 - 1. Four Staff Senate scholarships have been awarded for the spring 2020 semester
 - i. Savannah Hall
 - ii. Austin Hudson
 - iii. Breanna Lacy
 - iv. Jessica Robinson
- VII. Around the Senate
 - a. University Recreation offers a free group fitness class every week for faculty and staff
 - 1. The class is located in the Union on the second floor from 11:30 am 12:15 pm on Thursdays for the spring semester
 - 2. A UREC membership is not required to attend
- VIII. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 10:05 AM

Senate members in attendance

Raymond Anders
Denise Bignar
Alex Booth
Erin Butler
Collin Reed Caley
Roy Cordell
Michela Cupello
EmmaLe Davis
Katie Doughty

Danielle Dunn Matthew Fey

Trisha DuCote

Rachel Gray

Cedar Middleton
Devyn Moore
Cindy Morley
Theresa Parrish
Allen Porter
Michael Rau
Stephen Ritterbush
Elon Turner
Jeremy McAtee
Quincy Ward
Trish Watkins
Kelly Westeen
Katherine Roland
Senators members not in attendance
Ana Isabel Ayala Barker
Madelyn Jones
Matthew Meyers
Autumn Parker
Colleen Whitman

Cecilia Grossberger-Medina

Clayton Hamilton

Derrick Hartberger

Travis Hefley

Daniela Kidd

Jessica Kivett

Debbie McLoud

Joe Loy