

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
 6. 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

Cecilia Grossberger-Medina

Clayton Hamilton

Derrick Hartberger

Travis Hefley

Daniela Kidd

Joe Loy

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

Jessica Kivett

Debbie McCloud