

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

09/10/2020

- 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 – EmmaLe Davis
- IV. A presentation regarding contact tracing and COVID19 testing was given by Mark Rushing
- V. Campus Updates
 - a. Human Resources Updates – Debbie McLoud
 - i. More Workday training is being made available to campus
 - ii. Employee awards recognition will be a video this year instead of a banquet
 - iii. Reminder that performance evaluations are on a yearly schedule instead of from the employee’s hire date
 1. Performance evaluations will be in January 2021 for the calendar year 2020
 - iv. The University of Arkansas will not be participating in the payroll tax deferment at this time
 - v. Still working on a minimum salary of \$30,000 for all employees
 - b. Parking and Transit – Gary Smith
 - i. Reminder that emails before athletics events are no longer being sent
 1. A general reminder and schedule has been posted for game times and what lots need to be evacuated
- VI. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Staff Senate August minutes
 - a. Minor edits to names were made
 - b. The motion passed to approve the minutes for August
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Awards – Michela Cupelo
 - i. The part-time staff awards nomination window is September 14 – September 25 by 5 pm
 - b. Communication – Roy Cordell
 - i. Requests for communications should be sent to the Communication Committee or Roy Cordell
 - ii. Please submit a selfie or updated photo of yourself for Staff Senate social media pages
 - c. Internal Affairs – Erin Butler
 - i. Committee met to discuss diversity of Staff Senate
 1. Guides to run and campaign for staff senate are being created to help staff members that are interested in running for a senate position
 - d. Legislative – Matthew Meyers
 - i. Please vote in November
 1. Residents of Arkansas can vote via absentee ballot as approved by Governor Hutchinson
 - e. Special Events – Derrick Hartberger

- i. Staff celebrations are now virtual due to COVID19 restrictions
- VIII. Around the Senate
 - a. The second full week of October is Staff Appreciation week
 - b. Student enrollment is about the same as last year
 - i. Undergraduate numbers are down
 - ii. Graduate numbers are up
- IX. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 10:42 pm

Senators in attendance: Alex Booth, Allen Porter, Amber Roth, Autumn Parker, Ben Polluck, Cecilia Grossberger-Medina, Cindy Ryan, Clayton Hamilton, Colleen Whitman, Danielle Dunn, Debbie Ritter, Denise Bignar, Derrick Hartberger, Devyn Moore, EmmaLe Davis, Erin Butler, Jeremy McAtee, Joe Loy, Katie Doughty, Kelly Westeen, Matthew Fey, Matthew Myers, Michela Cupello, Rachel Gray, Raymond Anders, Roy Cordell, Stephen Ritterbush, Theresa Parish, Travis Hefley, Trish Watkins, Debbie McLoud, Katherine Roland

Senators not in attendance: Collin Caley, Rocio Rosas