

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
11/14/2019

- 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 – Trish Watkins
- IV. Campus Updates
 - a. Human Resources Updates – Michele Burns & Katherine Murray
 1. Open enrollment is currently underway until November 30
 - i. Employees are encouraged to complete their open enrollment process before the Thanksgiving Holiday break
 - ii. Future open enrollment periods may be shortened to less than a full month in the future
 - a. Notifications will be sent prior to the open enrollment period if this change is implemented
 - iii. The tobacco attestation must be completed each year during open enrollment in webBASIS, even if you do not use tobacco products
 - iv. Employees must re-enroll in the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) each year
 - a. Can roll over \$50 - \$500 to the next year and those funds can be used at any time
 - b. Receipts from 2019 are due by March 31, 2020
 - v. Real Appeal, a weight loss program, is still available
 - vi. More information can be found at <https://hr.uark.edu/benefits/open-enrollment.php> or by contacting Human Resources at 479-575-5351
 2. The catastrophic leave drive is underway with a deadline of November 20, 2019
 - i. Further information can be found at <https://hr.uark.edu/benefits/leave/catastrophic.php>
 - b. Parking and Transit Updates – David Wilson
 1. Campus parking and transit maps are always available online at <https://parking.uark.edu/>
 2. Campus food bank drive is coming soon
 - i. Newswire will have more information and dates soon
 3. The city of Fayetteville has started rolling out E-Scooters
 4. A new electric car charging station in the first floor of the Garland parking garage will be coming soon
 5. Make sure you're aware of basketball parking lots and their closures
- V. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve Staff Senate October meeting minutes
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Awards – Autumn Parker
 1. Part-time employee award goes to Carolyn Lewis in the Entomology and Plant Pathology department
 - b. Legislative committee and Scholarships – EmmaLe Davis

1. Washington County has received funding for a new polling location within the county
 2. A proposal is being made regarding campus gun laws to allowing the University to decide whether or not to implement the law
 3. Both the census bureau and Arkansas state are looking for census and poll workers
 4. The application period for the Staff Senate spring Scholarship is now open
- c. Special Events – Michael Rau
1. The RazorGifts application period is now over
 - i. 5 families were chosen, 21 individuals
 - ii. Deadline to shop for gifts or to donate is December 6
- VII. Chair’s report – Trish Watkins
- a. Big thanks to everyone that helped out at the Health and Benefits Fair
- VIII. Around the Senate
1. Chili cook off is Friday, November 15
 - i. 11:30 am to 1 pm in the Facilities Management Carpenter Shop at 521 S. Razorback Road, across from Lot 56
 - ii. \$5 to receive bowl of chili, hot dog, drink, and dessert
- IX. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 10:42 AM

Senate members in attendance

Raymond Anders

Denise Bignar

Erin Butler

Collin Reed Caley

Roy Cordell

EmmaLe Davis

Katie Doughty

Trisha DuCote

Danielle Dunn

Matthew Fey

Rachel Gray

Cecilia Grossberger-Medina

Clayton Hamilton

Derrick Hartberger

Travis Hefley
Evan Hinchliffe
Daniela Kidd
Madelyn Jones
Matthew Meyers
Cedar Middleton
Autumn Parker
Theresa Parrish
Michael Rau
Stephen Ritterbush
Quincy Ward
Trish Watkins
Kelly Westeen
Colleen Whitman
Toya Williams
Jessica Kivett
Katherine Roland

[Senators members not in attendance](#)

Ana Isabel Ayala Barker
Alex Booth
Michela Cupello
Joe Loy
Devyn Moore
Cindy Morley
Allen Porter
Elon Turner
Debbie McLoud

