

STAFF SENATE

March 4, 2022

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Ozark Campus Staff Senate was called to order by Senator Lucius on Friday, March 4, 2022. VIA Webex.

ROLL CALL

Senators Present:

Shirley Bonner

Bethany Lucius

Jessica Spicer

Alina House

Senators Absent: Jimmy Martin, Katrina Young

Visitors: Steven Campbell, David Spicer

MINUTES: The minutes from the February 2022 meeting were shared virtually during our meeting. Senator House filed a motion to accept the minutes. Senator Lucius seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by Senate vote.

Old Business:

- **Selfcare week-** went great LPN instructors took blood pressures, heart-healthy recipes were printed for staff, walked around the walking trail, & made stress relief balls.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Quarterly breakfast-** need to move quarterly breakfast due to winter weather last week. We are planning for May 13th tentatively.
- **Spring Cleanup March 14th, 15th, 16th-**
 - Clean windows, mulch in the flower beds, asking employees to clean their workspace. Planning to do this before the board of trustees come to campus.
 - Senator Bonner is going to speak with Mr. Sikes about this even to get approval for employees participating in the clean-up can wear appropriate clothing for this event.
 - David Spicer spoke on the clean-up week, working with maintenance for a time we can do mulching.

Report from Staff Senate in Russellville

- Senator Bonner was present for Russellville's staff senate meeting. Employee spotlight for August was announced: Whitney Parsons

NEW BUSINESS

- **Presidential communications committee Notes:**

President's Communication Committee 3/29/22

Chief McMillian:

- *Reminded everyone of possible severe weather tomorrow.*

Dr. Bowen:

- *Thank you to the organizers of the emergency response tabletop today.*
- *Welcome to Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe.*
- *\$675,000 was awarded to our Nursing programs thanks in part to Congressman Womack.*
- *Congratulations to faculty who received tenure.*
- *Two tons of trash were removed from the Prairie Creek pump station at Bona Dea.*
- *Several other announcements were made regarding faculty/staff accomplishments that can be found on arkansastechnews.com.*

Christina Stolarz:

- *Performance evaluations are due this Friday.*
- *Summer Hours Supervisor Training coming in April.*
- *HR is now across from DPS.*

Laury Fiorello:

- *4/29 Budget Advisory meeting.*
- *Final budget will be presented to Board in June.*
- *Communicate input to VP.*

Jason Geiken:

- *Over 12 million in new gifts this year.*
- *We have already hit our goal.*
- *We will have a campaign kickoff next Thursday evening.*
- *Our new goal will be 55 million.*
- *New initiative related to unrestricted scholarships for students who demonstrate financial need. We have some money available to help students. Goal of not letting finances keep students from persisting. Financial Aid has the ability to package additional funding to students in need. Be on the lookout for students who need assistance.*

Ashley Golleher:

- *Congressman Womack encouraged us to apply for more federal funding for the next fiscal year.*
- *We have applied for additional federal funding as well.*

Amy Anderson:

- *Bash at the Ballpark Saturday starting at 11:00 AM and sponsored by the Chamber.*
- *100 year of the Wonderboy for baseball, track, and tennis.*
- *Baseball and softball playing today.*
- *April 15 is pack the stands for tennis.*

Sam Strasner:

- *Symphonic Wind Ensemble performing with the Dallas Brass tonight at the Center for the Arts.*
- *Band will be hosting festival at the Center for the Arts over the next few days.*
- *Thursday at 7:30 there will be a choir concert.*
- *Fine Arts Gallery will open Wednesday in Norman.*
- *4/7 there will be an eclipse planning meeting in Witherspoon.*
- *Out of Darkness Walk April 9 at 10:00 AM.*
- *Bone Marrow Drive taking place April 14 in the Young Ballroom.*
- *Congressman Kevin Hearn of Oklahoma will be distinguished lecturer for Business Department.*
- *The Speech, Theatre, and Journalism Department has commissioned a portrait of Anthony Caton that will be unveiled on April 21.*
- *The Black Faculty and Staff Organization will be hosting the Academic Excellence Awards on 3/30 in the Doc Bryan Lecture Hall at 6:00 PM.*

Dr. Gunter:

- *Writing committee reviewing input regarding Strategic Plan.*
- *Announcements in the month of April regarding goals and measurable objectives. 4/19 and 4/20 tentative open forum dates.*
- *Goal of May 18 Strategic Plan Draft for Dr. Bowen to review.*

Suzanne McCall:

- *Fixed asset list will be sent to departments in the next week.*
- *Please return list within two weeks.*

Marika Lederman:

- *Hybrid model of group and individual advising this year.*
- *Schedule will be posted on Academic Advising website.*
- *Individual advising starts May 2.*
- *Priority appointments are available for staff/faculty friends and family.*

Carrie Harris Phillips

- *Beta testing coming soon for University Calendar.*

Dr. Nichols

- *SA and Staff Senate sponsoring a mental health speaker for Ozark and Russellville Campus on 4/4 at 10 and 2 in the Doc Bryan Lecture Hall.*

Dr. Jacobs

- *Faculty/staff working on funds for expanding allied health program at Morton Hall.*
- *Ozark Chamber included Governor Hutchinson complimenting the Ozark Campus.*

Open Forum:

- **Preview day March 8th** -high school seniors will be present.
- **Spring cleanup Staff senate will host** March 21-25 a detailed list will be coordinated with maintenance and shared out to the staff.

ADJOURNMENTL:

Senator Lucius motioned, Senator Spicer seconded, and all approve and motion carried to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.

Next meeting will be in person in room 156 and offered VIA Webex.

Respectfully submitted,
Bethany Lucius, Secretary