

Staff Senate January Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Zoom Meeting

9:30 am – 10:30 am

1. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order: 9:33 am

2. Old Business

Approve Minutes – Motion was made to approve by Lee Vawter. Mark Patterson has seconded the motion.

a. November Minutes

Kara Bowen had a question about the new bonus structure and if there was any feedback on that matter. The answer is currently no, but Meghan will check on that along with the Wellness Initiative.

b. December Minutes

3. New Business

a. Election Update

Senator Elections are going to happen a little later. Senators will be receiving an email as to who is in what part of their term.

b. Academic Year 2020/2021 Staff Senate President Election

1. The senators decided to have a separate meeting for the election next Thursday, May 28, 2020. Someone will send out a list of those who are eligible.

2. We will have Executive Committee elections after the new senators have joined us.

c. Questions and Concerns Open Discussion

i. Megan Cullen attended the Q&A meeting with Dr. Rudd with the Faculty Senate.

1. Talked about pausing the clock on tenure.

2. Eliminating part-time employees.

ii. COVID safety/PPE Preparedness:

1. Alison Brown – She has never been given any masks or protective/cleaning items. Physical Plant has been given at least 2 masks a week unless they are providing their own.

2. Jessica Abernathy – She communicated with Nick Pappas, Executive Director Procurement and Contract Services, about departmental needs for PPE's. They will be sending out a notification shortly to individual departments asking about quantity and individual needs.

3. Frankie Perry received a kit with the masks and the expired hand sanitizer.

iii. Someone asked about the timeline for staff to start returning to campus. It is a fluid situation, but Dr. Weddle-West's office says that they have suggested a staggered approach for divisions.

iv. The working groups have not requested anyone from Staff Senate to be in those meetings.

v. Cody Clinton brought up that he heard that the Physical Plant might have a furlough situation. No one else has heard of this.

vi. Meghan Cullen will ask Dr. Rudd if he can join us for a Q & A meeting.

vii. Cody Clinton suggested that we use the funding for the Staff Senate Appreciation luncheon to purchase masks and/or fabric for masks. Meghan will contact a few individuals to see if they can help with this venture. No one disagreed with the reallocation of funds for masks.

4. Adjourn

Meghan Cullen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jessica Abernathy seconded the motion.