

STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, January 13, 2022 - 10:00 AM Lois Grier Room

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call Anissa Lawrence, Graham Duncan, Erin Nodine, Jeff Constant, Katie Whatley, Jack Clinkscales, Brittany Timms, Courtney Carpenter, Gretchen Twigg, Mary Jo Carpenter, Matt Goldman, Sam Pinchoff, Ebonee Dendy, Catherine Covar, Glen Crawford, Marina Proctor, Patrick Moore, Ken Toole, Jessica Partlow
- III. Approval of Minutes from November meeting
  - a. Jack motion to approve. Ken second. All approved.
- IV. Chair Report
  - a. New Committee
    - i. Starting a Community Partnership Committee
    - ii. Members are Graham, Jeff, Courtney, & Anissa; Possibly bring on more members
    - iii. Discussion of brining in food trucks during the summer
  - b. Staff Senate replacement (per the bylaws: a. If a Senator leaves the University or resigns from their position and more than 90 days of the elected term exists, an election may occur to fill the vacancy.)
    - i. New Treasurer Erin Nodine is leaving Lander
    - ii. Host election for new treasurer; Elections Committee will begin the process
- V. Diversity Action Committee Jessica Partlow
  - a. January focusing on MLK Jr.
  - b. February celebrating Black History Month
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Employee Appreciation and Recognition
    - i. Nothing new to report
    - ii. Talk with HR about a plaque for employee of the month to be given during the month they received this award
  - b. Elections
    - i. Election for Erin Nodine's replacement
  - c. Professional Development
    - i. Nothing new to report
    - ii. Meeting is scheduled to discuss about workshops and initiatives for our employees
  - d. Communications and Bylaws
    - i. Nothing new to report
- VII. Old Business
  - a. None
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Comments would like Staff Senate to revisit spouse usage of the workout facilities
  - b. Possible speakers for 2022 Staff Senate meetings

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## IX. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 10:25am

a. Motion to adjourn by Jeff, Jack second.

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