

STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, May 12, 2022 - 10:00 AM New Residence Hall

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call – Anissa Lawrence, Graham Duncan, Courtney Carpenter, Mary Jo Carpenter, Jack Clinkscales, Jeff Constant, Brittany Timms, Gretchen Twigg, Katie Whatley, Matt Goldman, Sam Pinchoff, Ebonee Dendy, Catherine Covar, Glen Crawford, Marina Proctor, Patrick Moore, Ken Toole, Adam Weyer

Ex-officio: London Thomas or Kurstin Lacoste (HR), Jessica Partlow (DAC)

- III. Approval of Minutes from April meetinga. Motion to approve by Jack, second by Katie
- IV. Chair Report

- a. Board of Trustees Meeting: May 2, 2022 (recap)
 - Laura Lander entrance will be much more prominent and extend to the horseshoe to Stanley Ave.
 - Chipley parking will eventually become a brick pedestrian path
 - Police substation being added at Bearcat Village
 - President's top priority
 - Improving retention numbers for students and faculty/staff
 - Constructions bringing on six new buildings
 - Field House II Complete
 - New Nursing Building
 - New Information Commons (pending state funding approval)
 - Jackson Library to turn into classroom & lab space
 - Legion building renovated to Nursing Simulation Lab
 - Uptown Bank of America building renovations underway
- b) Staff excellence May 24^{th}
 - Door prizes needed
 - Staff Senate volunteers to contact businesses for door prize donations (List attached)
 - Businesses not listed can be contacted
 - Businesses donating will be announced when the door prizes are awarded at the breakfast

V. Diversity Action Committee

a. Mental Health Awareness month – information and links on the Diversity Action webpage

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Employee Appreciation and Recognition
 - i. Recognize Enrollment Services for the next recognition
- b. Elections
 - i. No changes at this time
 - ii. Nominations email was sent out today; no self-nominations, must nominate within your division, open for 2 weeks
- c. Professional Development
 - i. Opportunities for summer and workshops are still in the works

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- d. Communications and Bylaws
 - i. No new updates
 - ii. Stall Stories is on hold for the moment
- e. Community Partnership
 - i. Food Truck put on hold; list of vendors from Uptown and sent out interest form; no replies; will continue to reach out
 - ii. Carowinds this coming Saturday; \$39 and includes parking and no limit to number of tickets that can be bought; HR will send out flyer again today

VII. Old Business

a. None to report

VIII. New Business

- a. Grounds shop has no bathroom facilities; Anissa will address with administration
- b. Room reservations for our meetings for next academic year; asked not to use Lois Grier; New Hall room is out of the way; Katie recommended the Education conference room and she is in charge of that schedule; it's more centralized and the room capacity is 22; Anissa will also inquire about obtaining a snowball microphone for those attending online. Matt will ensure there are audio and capabilities in that conference room. Next meeting with be held in the Education conference room, LC228.

IX. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn by Jeff, second by Graham and Ken

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