



STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 11, 2023 - 10:00 AM - College of Education Conference Room

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call – Graham Duncan, Samelia Abney, ~~Mary Jo Carpenter, Jeff Constant, Laney Dixon, Brittany Tims, Gretchen Twigg,~~ Katie Whatley, Matt Goldman, Dawn Lewis, ~~Sam Pinchoff, Ebonee Dendy, Catherine Covar, Glen Crawford, Tavares Meadows,~~ Patrick Moore, ~~Ken Toole, Adam Weyer~~  
Ex-officio: London Thomas or Kurstin Lacoste (HR), Jessica Puckett (DAC)
- III. Approval of Minutes from March / April meeting could not be conducted as we did not have a quorum present.
- IV. Chair Report
  - a. **June 8 Meeting (LC 200)** - Orientation for newly elected senators. Old senators will meet with new senators to share experiences serving on Staff Senate. New senators will name committee preferences at this meeting, and share ideas for the next term of Staff Senate. Note: if you're rolling off of Staff Senate, this will be your last meeting.
  - b. **Passing the Gavel** - Welcome to Patrick Moore, who will take over as chair for the next term of Staff Senate.
- V. Budget Report - Katie Whatley
  - a. Employee of the Month Plaques for Staff Excellence Breakfast - (\$208.65)
  - b. Staff Appreciation Committee Birthday Cards - (\$60.00)
  - c. Remaining Balance - \$306.35
- VI. Diversity Advisory Council - Jessica Puckett
  - a. Jessica will continue working with the Library to provide monthly information beginning again in August.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - a. Elections
    - Voting Next Week
    - There is one contestant race in Academic Affairs.
    - A new voting platform was used to streamline voting.
  - b. Communications and Bylaws / Employee Appreciation
    - Review of Candidate Meet and Greet, Wednesday, May 10.
    - The event was a success and many staff members participated. The Candidates were present and active.
  - c. Community Partnerships Committee
    - Exploring possible options for summer group event.

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VIII. Adjournment was made at 10:15a. Employees encouraged to attend Kaufmann Leadership Graduation at 11a.

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