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I. Call to Order was promptly at 10:00a.

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, Ebenee Dendy, Catherine Covar, Glen Crawford, Tavares Meadows, Patrick Moore, Ken Toole, Adam Weyer Ex-officio: London Thomas or Kurstin Lacoste (HR), Jessica Partlow (DAC)

III. Approval of Minutes from November meeting
    a. Matt motioned to approve. Katie Whatley second. All in favor. No opposition. November meeting minutes approved.

IV. Guest Speaker: Greg Allen, Chief of Police at LUPD
    a. Gave an update on parking, cameras, positions and safety protocols.
       i. They have added additional gravel lots for parking.
       ii. Excessive parking tickets are receiving boots.
       iii. Lander has more camera coverage. Covering 90% of campus. Including residential and athletic areas off campus.
       iv. Added additional key card access doors.
       v. Added an investigator to the Staff
       vi. Invested in License Plate Reader

V. Chair Report
    a. No Report

VI. Budget Report
    a. $625 was spent for Christmas Social; remaining balance of $725

VII. Diversity Advisory Council
    a. February is Black History Month.

VIII. Committee Reports
    a. Employee Appreciation and Recognition
       i. February 24, 2023 Doughnuts for Staff in Lois Grier
       ii. Spotlight: Student Life and Campus Recreation
    b. Elections
       i. Ken presented the Election Timeline as elections are approaching. March 1st nominations will go live until March 31, 2023.

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