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STAFF SENATE MEETING AGENDA
Thursday April 8, 2021, 10:00 AM (MS Teams)

I. Call to Order – meeting wide etiquette for MS Teams, and rules for speaking

II. Roll Call
Eddie Shaw, Corey Anthony, Laura Brown, Justin Burger, Kenneth Calliham, Courtney Carpenter, Jack Clinkscales, Graham Duncan, Anissa Lawrence, Tammie Mallory, Amanda Morgan, Erin Nodine, Vernon Peppers, Marina Proctor, Kenneth Toole, Ashley Wilkie, and Jessica Partlow.

III. Special Guest
Abdallah Haddad; Chief Information and Technology Officer Lander University ITS.
   a. Informed Staff Senate about technology updates across campus.

IV. Approval of Minutes from March meeting
Tammie Mallory made the motion to approve the March Staff Senate minutes with the spelling change on page 1; seconded by Anissa Lawrence. The Staff Senate minutes from March 2021 were approved unanimously.

V. Chair Report
   a. Human Resources
   b. Diversity Action Committee – Jessica Partlow
      i. Upcoming Lunch and Learn featuring Dr. Pragya Sharma Ghimire
   c. Potential Guests for Future Meetings
      i. Jeff Beaver, Director of Engineering Services
      ii. Care Team
      iii. New Dean, Dr. Sarah Hunt Barron
      iv. Dr. Colbert, UCG
   d. Return to face to face meeting
      i. Tammie Mallory made the motion to begin live streamed in-person meetings. Anissa Lawrence seconded. The motion passed and the May meeting will be held in-person and a link to view will be shared before the meeting begins.
   e. Doing our part COVID 19

VI. Committee Reports
   a. Employee Appreciation and Recognition
      i. Remembrance garden
         1. The wall has been installed in the garden.
         2. Details to follow for unveiling ceremony
   b. Elections and Bylaws
      i. Updates on election process
         1. Nominee’s acceptance/refusal forms will be due April 16 at 5:00p.m.

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c. Professional Development
   No updates

d. Communications
   No updates

VII. Old Business
   a. From last month’s forum, the city manager was asked about state of repairs on Stanley Ave. DOT is working with Greenwood Metro on possible repairs for the street.

VIII. New Business
   a. New Officer elections- Anissa Lawrence
      i. Anissa Lawrence made the motion to amend the Staff Senate Bylaws to enable new officers to begin their term on July 1; seconded by Laura Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

   b. Online Comments
      i. “I wanted to hear more about space. I know we have purchased several locations. If we could have more information about potential moves, that would be great.”
         1. This was an anonymous comment. With out real context and specifics on what they are looking for we can’t give a good answer. The best answer Staff Senate can give is to look back at the email sent by Dr. Cosentino on March 17th to gather information.
         2. From Adam Taylor; “We are currently renovating our new Uptown property. Once completed, we will make decisions on people/departments that may move. We will update staff/faculty as soon as decisions are made.”
         3. Staff Senate wishes to give specific feedback to submitted questions. Anonymous comments are good when passing along ideas or information. For a specific answer, please include more information and your contact information.

IX. Adjournment
Tammie Mallory made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Anissa Lawrence. The motion passed unanimously.

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