

## STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Lois Grier Conference Room

Approved

Present: ~~Greg Allen~~, Kent Atkins, ~~Rodney Boyter~~, Tracy Clifton, Debbie Dill, Michael Ficklin, ~~Torry Fuller~~, Karen Hammond, ~~Sydney Crawford Hoyle~~, ~~Anissa Lawrence~~, ~~DeCole Robertson~~, Kimberly Shannon, Eddie Shaw, Traci Talley, and Susan Wood.

### I. Call to Order – Michael Ficklin, Staff Senate Chair

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.

### II. Roll Call

III. **Approval of Minutes-** Changes to the April 2 meeting minutes were requested. We will vote on approval of these minutes at the July meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 7 meeting minutes as written. The motion was approved.

IV. **Chair Report-** Michael Ficklin welcomed new elected Senators who were present. There was no new information from Administration.

### V. Committee Reports –

#### A. Employee Appreciation and Recognition-

a. Department Spotlight: The slide for the Department Spotlight will be updated.

#### B. Elections and Bylaws –

a. Election results: There were 252 votes with several null votes. Some null votes were related to staff voting outside their respective area.

b. New Senators: Six newly elected Senators were present: Corey Anthony, Laura Brown, Justin Burger, Kenneth Calliham, Jim Laman, and Amanda Morgan.

C. Professional Development- no report.

D. Communications- no report.

### VI. Old Business

#### A. Follow-up on previous online comments-

a. New Employee Mixer: This was tabled and will be addressed at the July meeting.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Online Comments:**

- a. I am concerned about transparency in the Staff Senate. Can meetings be recorded?- Meetings are open for staff to attend. The minutes of each meeting can also be found online on the Human Resources page.
- b. Can areas on campus be renovated to serve a different or better purpose? For example, can Chipley Hall be renovated to serve as an academic center?- This question will be passed on to Eddie Shaw who is currently preparing a Campus Space Utilization report.
- c. The auto-response should be updated to current Staff Senate members- The Communications Committee will contact Dawn Lewis for assistance.
- d. A thank you was received for sponsoring Paint and Pour during Employee Field Day.

B. Meeting schedule: The Lois Grier room is not available for the July and August meetings. Eddie Shaw will check other available spaces on campus. The July meeting will move to July 9 due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. A new meeting time will also be discussed at the July meeting.

C. Bylaws: A proposed change to the bylaws related to eligibility of nominees to Staff Senate was discussed. By a vote of 5 in favor and 2 opposed, the bylaws will remain as is with no changes.

D. Committee Assignments: New committee assignments were distributed. Each committee was asked to prepare goals for next year with an action plan to achieve those goals.

E. Officer Positions: Senators were asked to review the officer's position descriptions. New officers will be elected in August.

## **VIII. Next meeting – Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 10am in a location TBD**

**Adjournment: 11:09 am**

Respectfully submitted, Kim Shannon