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 4th 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