



STAFF SENATE

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting
April 19, 2024 10:00am
McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium & Zoom

Present: Pam Bridges, Diego Chulan (zoom), Kathryn Doaty, Kim Dunnivant, Donna Holland-Proxy Barbara Ferguson, Amber Martinez (PO), Elaine McGill, Whitney Michael (secretary), Valerie Sellers-proxy (zoom), Amber Skantz

Absent: Carolyn Carthen, Beth Jenkins

1. **Order-** Meeting called to order by Amber Martinez.
2. **Minutes-** The minutes were accepted and approved. (Motion Kim D., second Kathryn D.)
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Update on professional development survey that went out-Whitney M.
 - b. Bylaws Committee Update- Amber S.
 - c. Office Olympics-Trish DiLullo
 - d. Staff Appreciation Luncheon/John "Booty" Award Update-Amber M.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Review of Staff Senators' duties and responsibilities & Budget Hearing-Amber M.
 - i. Review of the constitution requirements for senators
 - Meeting attendance required
 - Written notification of absence and designated proxy required prior to meeting
 - Two or more absences without proxy can lead to dismissal
 - ii. Budget Hearing
 - Budget increase was requested to support more staff professional development offerings
 - Budget increase request was well received
 - b. Update Professional Development Committee-Whitney Michael
 - i. No real updates to report. Committee is meeting Monday, April 22 at 1:00pm to discuss next steps in professional development offerings and new monthly series set to launch this summer.
 - c. Update Bylaws Committee-Amber Skantz
 - i. Noted the committee is a small group of 4 and welcomes more members that may have interest in helping review and possibly rewrite some of our bylaws and policies.

- d. Gym Committee-Mike McCoy
 - i. A committee was requested at a previous meeting, but it has not yet met. Whitney M. will email Mike the list of committee volunteers and notes.
 - Possible locations and options on campus have been looked at by Mike and Kerry. Old Maintenance Building may be a contender for use.
 - Mike requests staff input on what type of options everyone is looking for to help better investigate what can be used and obtained for staff needs.
 - Staff weighed in with top wants/desires for gym-treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes, and indoor walking space.
 - Grant options for exterior spaces are being investigated. A clearly marked walking trail around campus and better signage for walking and the disc golf course has been requested.
 - e. Two Men & a Truck-fundraising opportunity-needs before Mother's Day-Amber M.
 - i. A program they call Movers for Moms to help women coming out of domestic abuse situations. Two Men & a Truck move women escaping a domestic abuse situation for free and collect items women/mothers may need. They collect donation items and also have an Amazon Wish List link for direct purchases.
 - ii. Would we want to hold a drive on campus to collect items such as hygiene items, diapers, etc before Mother's Day deadline?
 - No votes for holding the drive.
 - Whitney M. pointed out that a large drive for similar items was just held last month for the Pack a Purse fundraiser and may limit donations due to many bringing items in for it. Whitney suggested an email go out with the information about Movers for Moms with the link, so if any were interested in purchasing items, they could do so through the link
 - iii. Amber called for a vote to email out the information and link.
 - Majority vote approved the email going out.

5. Concerns/Announcements

- i. No further concerns or announcements were brought forward.
- ii. Motion to adjourn from Kim D. and second from Elaine M.

Meeting Adjourned- Meeting adjourned. Minutes recorded by Whitney Michael.