



STAFF SENATE

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting
June 28, 2024 10:00am
McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium & Zoom

Present: Pam Bridges, Diego Chulan, Kathryn Doaty, Kim Dunnavant-Proxy Dana Waldrep, Donna Holland-Proxy Barbara Ferguson, Beth Jenkins, Amber Martinez (PO), Elaine McGill, Whitney Michael (secretary), Valerie Sellers, Amber Skantz

Absent: Carolyn Carthen, Ben Dumas

1. **Order-** Meeting called to order by Amber Martinez.
2. **Minutes-** The minutes were tabled for further review and discussion due to the length and some found typos.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Staff Development Committee-first session on June 21st (Toni Carter presenter)
 - b. Summer Olympics Update-Amber Martinez
 - c. Bylaws Committee Update-Amber Skantz
 - d. Gym Committee Update-Amber Martinez
 - e. New posted Holiday Schedule-Changes to Academic Calendar-Dr. Wehlburg
4. **New Business**
 - a. Review of Professional Development Session/Workshop
 - Review of 1st session with presenter Toni Carter-Goals & Growth topic well received
 - Positive feedback on enjoying the in-person discussion
 - Next session offered will be a webinar in July
 - b. Upcoming Summer Office Olympics
 - Campus-wide event with fun competition to get staff out of the office and connecting
 - To be held a week or two leading up to convocation
 - Multiple departments have signed up to host/sponsor different games/competitions
 - COB event still TBD, COAS discussed Pool Noodle Golf
 - Individual awards & department awards
 - HR interested in a dunking booth option to raise money for charity-donate to vote someone into the booth-match donation to get out of it-pay/donate to throw a ball
 - c. Convocation
 - Speaker coming to talk on Student Success to whole campus
 - Staff convocation will have an awards ceremony for the Office Olympics with Dr. Wehlburg and Hebrew the Bear to announce/give out awards
 - Help is needed in planning & getting stuff collected and set up for convocation-possible committee-Dana Waldrep & Alyson Quinn volunteered

d. Staff of the Month Award

- Interest in a Staff of the Month Award?
- One month focuses on team player
- One month focuses on great customer service
- One focus on leadership/being a leader
- Come up with criteria and award options
- Beth suggests by semester-due to the amount of planning and organizing it would take to do a monthly award
- Pam votes by semester-majority agrees looking at by semester but to explore further and discuss next meeting

5. Concerns/Announcements

- i. Amber Skantz suggests a “real estate” style sign out from of department are for recognition (similar to the Homecoming competition signs for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place)
- ii. Beth commented on sending out information about monthly meetings to the staff sooner. Many don’t realize the day and time of the meeting until the week of-or days before-and cannot get there due to calendar conflicts

Meeting Adjourned- Motion to adjourn by Valerie. Second by Elaine. Meeting adjourned at 10:25. Minutes recorded by Whitney Michael.