



# STAFF SENATE

## ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

**Staff Senate Meeting**  
**Sept. 20, 2024 10:00am**  
**McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium &**  
**Zoom**

**Present:** Pam Bridges, Carolyn Carthen-zoom, Diego Chulan, Kathryn Doaty, Ben Dumas, Kim Dunnavant, Donna Holland-zoom, Beth Jenkins, Amber Martinez (PO), Elaine McGill, Whitney Michael (secretary), Valerie Sellers, Amber Skantz-Proxy Alyson Quinn

**Absent:**

1. **Order-** Meeting called to order by Amber Martinez at 10:02 am.
2. **Minutes-** Minutes for August meeting was approved. Motion to accept from Kathryn Doaty. Second from Kim Dunnavant.
3. **Old Business**
  - a. Review updated constitution and bylaws: review updated committees, create new committees for upcoming year.
  - b. Vote on nominations for Board of Trustees committee
4. **New Business**
  - a. Update on Walking Trail-Amber Martinez
    - Signage is up and Bear Paws to be painted soon
    - Ribbon Cutting Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.
  - b. Fall Fundraiser update/vote on charity-Amber Martinez & Morgan Stanford
    - Fall Fundraiser will be a Chili Cook-Off, pumpkin decorating contest, costume contest-with individual and group categories, and Bake Sale.
    - Chili Cook-Off is a \$5 entry fee that includes your meal ticket, and it's \$5 to eat and vote, if not entering a chili.
    - An email will go out for staff to sign up to help bring side dishes, sign up for the Bake Sale, and to enter into the 3 different contests.
    - A vote was called to invite the whole campus to participate was made. Majority voted in favor of campus-wide invitation.
    - Morgan Stanford shared a video of a current student and her family whose daughter battles Hydrocephalus.
    - A vote was called to choose the Hydrocephalus Association the receipt of the funds raised from the Fall Event. Majority voted in favor.

- c. Statement on Shared Governance-Amber Martinez
  - Statement was shared ahead of the meeting for review.
  - Vote to keep the Shared Governance Policy as is without further review and updates. Majority voted in favor.
- d. Review committees-any new members?
  - Valerie Sellers joins the Fundraising Committee.
- e. Biggest Loser-Kick Off Event-Christen Lott
  - Flyer is ready and will be sent out in the coming week. The competition will be for 10 weeks.
  - Discussion about weigh in was had and the decision to have someone monitor weigh ins for accountability was decided.
  - Weekly weigh ins are an option, or first weigh and last weigh in the competition is another option.
- f. Staff Professional Development update-Whitney Michael
- g. Amber Skantz requests vote for the standing committees to be added to the Staff Senate Constitution. Amber M. calls for a motion to vote. Elaine makes a motion. Second by Amber S. Majority votes in favor and carries.

**5. Concerns/Announcements**

- i. Christen Lott has offered creating a Staff Canvas Course that would have all Senators as teachers and all staff as students. This would help gather all information in one location. Modules for each committee and group could be created to organize and house all staff related materials and information.
- ii. Next Professional Development Workshop is Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in Waters Hall N105.
- iii. Finding Motivation Webinar is Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in Waters Hall N105
- iv. November session-TBD
- v. Dealing with Challenging People Webinar is Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in Waters Hall N105.

**6. Next meeting is October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in McCandless Hall**

**Meeting Adjourned-** Motion to adjourn by Kim D. Second by Diego C. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am. Minutes recorded by Whitney Michael.