



STAFF SENATE

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting
Nov. 15, 2024 10:00am
McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium &
Zoom

Present: Pam Bridges-zoom, Carolyn Carthen, Diego Chulan, Kathryn Doaty, Ben Dumas-zoom, Kim Dunnivant, Donna Holland-Proxy Magen Johnson, Beth Jenkins-Proxy Jennifer Mares, Amber Martinez (PO), Elaine McGill, Whitney Michael (secretary), Amber Skantz-zoom

Absent: Valerie Sellers

1. **Order-** Meeting called to order by Amber Martinez at 10:01 am.
2. **Minutes-** Minutes for September meeting was approved. Motion to accept from Kathryn Doaty. Second from Kim Dunnivant.
3. **Old Business**
4. **New Business**
 - a. Fall Fundraiser Re-cap
 - Great event, well organized and received this year.
 - Raised over \$700.
 - b. Professional Development:
 - Joi Rice our speaker for November's professional development session was amazing. She spoke on resilience and how we are better together. Committee plans to bring her back for a session in 2025.
 - Next session is a webinar December 11th at 2pm with cookies and cocoa. Topic is How to Deal with Challenging People
 - Committee meets November 20th at 2pm to discuss professional development offering for 2025.
 - c. Secondary Employment Policy updates by Kim Dunnivant:
 - One month ago Faculty Senate was reached out to for collaboration on responses to the SEP.
 - Discussion to create an University Appeals Board consisting of 3 faculty, 3 staff, and 1 librarian. This board would review denied secondary employments and provide recommendations to the Provost and President before final decisions made.
 - Vote called to agree to the Policy terms and create the University Appeals Board. Majority votes in favor, so carried.

- d. No update on Recycling Day coming back to campus due to no response back from Keep Limestone Beautiful yet.

5. Concerns/Announcements

- i. Jennifer Mares reminds staff about Secret Santa participation. Forms due Nov. 20, drawing names Nov. 21-22, small gifts given Dec. 9-11, and big gift reveal party is Dec. 12 at 2pm in the Bear Cave.
- ii. Trish DiLullo and Felicia Mucci pitches the idea of a staff group trip. Anyone interested in a group trip to possibly New York, DC, Vegas, Washington, etc. Staff were in favor of the idea. Events Committee will collaborate with Trish and Felicia on researching options.
- iii. Amber Skantz reminds staff that they are participating in a Donations Drive for the new Athens-Limestone Animal Care & Control shelter. They are collecting food, blankets, towels, and other supplies with plans to drop-off on Dec. 7. Also, the library has had a refurbish/refresh on the rental area, so please stop in to check it out.
- iv. Carolyn Carthen gives a quick thanks to all who helped give towards the ActiveMinds Baby Shower Drive. It was a great success with items being prepared to be delivered right before Christmas time.

6. Next meeting is January 24th at 10:00 am in McCandless Hall

Meeting Adjourned- Motion to adjourn by Kim D. Second by Diego C. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 am. Minutes recorded by Whitney Michael.