

STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 15, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Guest Speakers: Tom Webb, Associate Vice President of Accessibility

III. Old Business

- **Minutes** – January minutes approved

IV. New Business

- **Chair's Report**
- Thank you for participating in Employee Appreciation Night, Staff Symposium, Exceptional Service Training, and Game Day.
- Save the Date- Staff Senate Retreat March 27, 2024 from 12-4. Lunch will be provided by President Edwards. More to come.
- Executive searches going on: Dean – Raj Soin College of Business, Dean – Graduate School and Honors Programs, VP of Student Affairs.
- Encourage participation in this week's Homecoming events.
- Everyone received an email about new policies in progress
- Omada replacing Hello Heart – focus on diabetes and pre-diabetes and high blood pressure.
- HR wants to thank everyone for the Shout outs for peers.
- HR Page Up still in progress.
- **Officer's Reports, Standing Committee Reports, and University Committee Rep Reports**
 - Seth Gordon – Staff Symposium- ratings are strong. 2/3 of attendance on line. Video feed was awesome. Thanks for participating and giving feedback.
 - Debra Radford – Community Coalition – helping Homecoming Committee with the Door Decorating Contest. Remember Game day Wednesdays. Office of Undergraduate Admissions asked us to write postcards to incoming students again. Need 23 packets of 20 postcards completed by Friday, February 23, 2024. We will be gathering in the Student Union Atrium on Wednesday and Thursday February 21 and 22 between 11-1. Talk back is moved to Atrium on that Thursday. Library wants a couple packets went to them. Be looking for the Poker Pit Stop. The committee will be sending out a survey to see what kinds of events the campus wants.
 - Jerry Hensley- Governance and Membership Committee- They are in charge of Bylaws and Elections. Bylaws started about 3-4 years ago. They were sent to staff senate this morning. They will be published to the website for 30 days review. Talk to senators or email staff senate any feedback. Staff Senate will vote on the Bylaws at the March meeting. Election season for Staff Senate will start in

April. Nominations open from April 1-12. Review Nominations April 15-26. Ballot open April 29 - May 10. New members announced in May. Officer elections in June.

- IT Faculty Committee talked about the New Wings Page - a lot of updates that Myke Cooney shared with staff senate in January. They also spent time on Slate troubleshooting.
- Ann Greer reported on Health Benefits Advisory Committee – Hello Heart dropped half of the things that they covered so that is way we switched to Omada.
- Ann Greer reported on the Bookstore Committee - they are meeting next Wednesday. They will be talking about Book Rentals.
- Mike VanHorn Building and Grounds hasn't met since December.
- Mike VanHorn reported on the Employee Hardship Fund. Only one employee applied; they voted by email. Emily Hamman is going to send emails out for more awareness of the fund.

V. Open Commentary

- Courtney Laukitis – Homecoming Events through February 17, 2024. Please attend events. Bookstore has \$10 Homecoming T-shirts.
- Library coffee bar stay tuned.

VI. Schedule Reminders

- Staff Talkback, February 22, 2024, 12-1 pm, Student Union Atrium.

VII. Adjourn