

Staff Senate Meeting
March 26, 2021 8:30AM
McCandless Hall, Griffin Auditorium

1. Call to Order – Chris Latham
 - a. Present: Chris Latham (Presiding Officer), Joy Clark, Pamela Clark, Jasmine Crutcher (replacing Kim Braden), Barbara Ferguson, ~~Beth Jenkins~~, Kayla Kohanek-Tankersley, Regina Kyle, ~~Morgan Meadows~~, Chris Moss (Senator-at-Large), ~~Felicia Mucci~~, Debbie Wilson
2. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Minutes from the January 2021 meeting were accepted and approved with no changes.
3. Old Business
 - a. Staff Mentoring Program. Discussion: Regina Kyle thanked all who agreed to mentor a new employee during this academic year. She encouraged mentors to continue strengthening relationship with their mentees and helping the mentees to feel a sense of community by scheduling lunch meetings, Zoom sessions, campus tours, etc. Ongoing discussions will center around having a future 1-hour networking event, as well as, determining a “cut off” date for each mentor/mentee group in order to accommodate rolling employment dates and getting new employees partnered with a mentor.
 - b. Valentine’s Day Discussion: Morgan was unavailable; therefore, no report was provided for the amount raised by the Valentine’s Day flower sale. A photo op will be determined at a future date.
4. New Business
 - a. COVID-19 Protocols for Summer & Fall. Discussion: April marks the end of the State mask mandate. Administration would like Senate input to determine what employees want to see happen at Athens State in response to the end of the mandate. Staff Senate members were encouraged to have conversations with department personnel and report back to Chris on the feedback from staff members. He will pass that information on to Administration.
 - b. Expression of Appreciation – COVID 19 Vaccine Administrators. Discussion: ALH has provided strong support for Athens State through administering of vaccines over the past months. Several ideas were mentioned as ways to recognize and show appreciation in return – Certificate of Appreciation, Proclamation, ASU Foundation contribute to ALH Foundation (Chris will check to see if there is money in the budget for this type gift).
 - c. John “Booty” Murray Outstanding Staff Member. Discussion: The annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon, normally held in April, will be postponed until May to give more time for release of the mask mandate decisions. The box lunch provided last year seemed to be a hit and that idea may be considered again this year. Nominations for the staff award are due to Chris Latham by April 5th. He will follow up by sending out a voting link. The staff member receiving the award is usually recognized during the annual luncheon.
5. Departmental Concerns/Announcements: N/A
6. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Wilson.

Debbie Wilson