

Staff Senate Meeting
June 18, 2021 10:00AM
McCandless Hall, Griffin Auditorium

1. Call to Order – Chris Latham
 - a. Present: Chris Latham (Presiding Officer), Joy Clark, Pamela Clark, Jasmine Crutcher, Barbara Ferguson, ~~Beth Jenkins~~, Kayla Kohanek-Tankersley, ~~Regina Kyle~~, Morgan Meadows, Chris Moss (Senator-at-Large), Felicia Mucci (Proxy, Cathy Brett), Debbie Wilson
2. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Minutes from the April 2021 meeting were accepted and approved with no changes. May 2021 Minutes are not on file due to that monthly meeting being cancelled.
3. Old Business
 - a. Staff Mentoring Program. Discussion: Chris Latham presented an update on the mentoring program. A survey recently went out to mentees requesting feedback on the newly implemented Mentor Program. Few responses were returned; a reminder will go out again to secure additional feedback. Of those responses received, the feedback was very positive. The committee is hopeful that the 2021-22 year will provide opportunities for more face to face interactions between mentors & mentees.
 - b. Expression of Appreciation. Discussion: The recommendation that Athens State show appreciation for Athens-Limestone Hospital staff members who provided Covid19 screening services was presented before the ASU Cabinet. It was determined that they (approx. 1,000 recipients) will receive a logo cup filled with candy. Staff Senate members were asked to assist, with other volunteers, in packaging the items for delivery. Chris Latham is corresponding with Caroline, from ALH, to coordinate this effort.
 - c. Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Discussion: The annual Spring staff luncheon was well received again this year, although we were again unable to have a face to face sit down lunch.
4. New Business
 - a. Staff Raises. Discussion: AL recently approved a 2% pay increase for state employees, but currently no determination has been made as to whether ASU staff members will benefit from the increase. The Board of Trustees will be discussing the topic at their July Board meeting.
 - b. Recognition of Juneteenth as a Holiday. Discussion: Both President Biden and Governor Kay Ivey have made a declaration to recognize Juneteenth as a Federal/State holiday. As of the date of this meeting, Athens State BOT has made no decision regarding recognizing the holiday. UPDATE: On June 18th, President Way sent an email to all employees stating that Juneteenth would be recognized by ASU on July 2nd. Campus will be closed.
 - c. BOT Committee Nominations. Discussion: New Committee Nominations will on the BOT agenda for July. Committees volunteer nominations are needed for: Financial Affairs & Facilities, Academic Affairs, Enrollment Student Services Affairs. Each nominee approved will serve a two-year period. Various names were provided to Chris Latham; he will follow-up by emailing those persons for approval of recommendation.
 - d. Election Committee – Staff Senate Appointments for 2021-2023. Discussion: An Election Committee will be formed to begin the process for selecting new Staff Senate members for AY2021-23. Chris Latham will proceed with sending information out for nominations. Voting will begin August 1.
5. Departmental Concerns/Announcements: N/A
6. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Wilson.

Debbie Wilson