



STAFF SENATE

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting
February 11, 2022 10:00am
McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium

Present: Pamela Bridges, Joy Clark, Pamela Clark, Kimberly Dunnavant, Frank Eskridge, Barbara Ferguson, Juliana Hunt, Beth Jenkins, Kayla Kohanek-Tankersley, Damon Lares, Chris Latham, Christen Lott, Morgan Stanford.

Meeting called to order 10:03am by Beth Jenkins. Pamela Clark motioned to accept the minutes, Kimberly Dunnavant seconded the motion- minutes were accepted and approved with no changes.

Old Business

- a. **Staff Meeting:** ATLAS and Student Success Center have offered to begin the full staff/informational meetings. ATLAS will offer the first meeting the last week of March. It was suggested that these meetings are available via video (live and recorded) for those who cannot attend in person. Discussed whether they will be in each area or in a classroom. Department will discuss what their department does and who they are. Staff Senate will create and share marketing for these meetings. More information to come.
- b. **Overtime Policy:** Jeff Powers (Chief Human Resources Officer/Assistant VP- HR) was unavailable to attend today's meeting he will meet with Staff Senate at another time.

New Business

- a. **Flower Fundraiser:** Sold over 500 of the 700 flowers. A reminder will be sent this afternoon. If there are flowers left over they will be sold for \$1.00 on Tuesday, February 15. Those who are planning to deliver flowers were asked to meet outside of the Pryor Street Café at 9am February 14. Voted for recipient of the donations earned from this fundraiser. Full Tummy project received the majority vote and will receive all proceeds from the flower fundraiser.
- b. **Damon Lares Leaving:** Damon resigned from his position at Athens State University and today was his last day. He thanked and expressed his appreciation for his time at

Athens State and on the Staff Senate. Frank Eskridge joined as a Staff Senator effective immediately to fill the vacancy left by Damon Lares.

- c. **Juneteenth:** Dr. Way asked for Staff Senate's ideas for celebrating Juneteenth. Holiday falls on a Sunday this year. It was suggested that we celebrate with a day off the next Friday, July 1st. All in favor. Beth Jenkins will report back to Dr. Way.
- d. **Staff Appreciation Luncheon:** Joy Clark asked if we could discuss the luncheon since it is usually in April. Determined it is hosted around Administrative Professionals Day. It was suggested we try to host the luncheon in person with a speaker April 27th. Beth Jenkins will check availability of Dr. Way and the gym for this event. It was suggested the theme coincide with the Bicentennial "Athens Forever" Celebration. Kimberly Dunnavant, Juliana Hunt, Pamela Bridges, Kayla Kohanek-Tankersley, Beth Jenkins, Frank Eskridge and Chris Latham volunteered to serve on the committee for the luncheon. Committee will determine food budget, catering options, speaker options, and technology needed. Chris Latham will check with Monteia Moore and Keith Ferguson to see how much was spent in previous years on catering and if "Athens Forever," decorations can be provided for this event from the Foundation Office.

Departmental Concerns/Announcements from Senate Members

- a. **International Women's Day:** Chris Latham invited everyone to attend the upcoming International Women's Day celebration on campus March 8th in the Carter Physical Education Center hosted by the Athens Forever Bicentennial Series.
- b. **Foundation Scholarship Reception and Alumni Awards Ceremony:** Chris Latham invited everyone to this reception and ceremony on campus March 8th in the Carter Physical Education Center hosted by the Office of University Advancement and the Athens State University Alumni Association.
- c. **Mardi Gras Celebration:** Chris Latham announced that Dr. and Mrs. Way will be hosting a Mardi Gras Celebration March 1st. More information to come.
- d. **Active Minds Webinar:** Julianna Hunt invited everyone to the Stress, Coping Skills, and Self-Care webinar via Zoom March 15th hosted by Active Minds.

Meeting Adjourned 10:53am.

Minutes submitted by Kayla Kohanek Tankersley

