



# STAFF SENATE

## ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

**Staff Senate Meeting**  
**May 19, 2023 10:00am**  
**McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium**

**Present:** Tracey DeCicco (proxy for Pam Bridges), Pamela Clark, Joy Clark, Kim Dunnivant, Barbara Ferguson, Beth Jenkins, Kayla Kohanek-Tankersley, Chris Latham, Christen Lott and Morgan Stanford

- 1. Order-** Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Beth Jenkins
- 2. Minutes-** The minutes were accepted and approved.
- 3. Old Business**
  - a. Work from Home Committee: The official report created by the committee was submitted to the President's Cabinet.
  - b. The President's Cabinet is not attending today's meeting or June's meeting but will attend July 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - c. Staff Appreciation Luncheon: Next year the luncheon needs to focus more on the appreciation of staff. Suggested we give the Booty Award away/announce the winner during the luncheon.
- 4. New Business**
  - a. Elections: Staff Senate is at liberty to make changes to the election process, bylaws, and constitution. Suggested we wait until after this election to make changes to include part-time employees in Staff Senate and the Booty Award nominations. Senate members will review the constitution and bylaws and bring suggested changes to the next meeting.
  - b. Staff Mentoring Program: Suggested forming a subcommittee and revamping the program. Should new employees be paired as they are hired? Should we meet as a large group of mentors/mentees twice a year? Should Staff Senate host a meet and greet style event to introduce new Staff Senate and new employees? Will leave suggestions and revamping opportunity to new Staff Senate starting the fall term.
  - c. Speaker for August: Staff Senate is planning to host a speaker for all staff after Convocation. We are waiting on her contract to be signed and returned. She may speak on the climate survey results.
  - d. Townhall Meeting: Some staff voiced concerns about this meeting being scheduled the Friday afternoon before a holiday weekend.

### **Concerns/Announcements**

**Meeting Adjourned-** 10:30am

Minutes submitted by Kayla Kohanek Tankersley.