



STAFF SENATE

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting
September 16, 2022 10:00am
McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium

Present: Cathy Brett (proxy for Pamela Clark), Pam Bridges, Joy Clark, Kim Dunnivant, Frank Eskridge, Barbara Ferguson, Beth Jenkins, Kayla Kohanek-Tankersley, Chris Latham, Christen Lott, Adam St. John (proxy for 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. VA Resource Day Check Presentation- Planning to present check from all VA t shirt sales (\$288) and leftover t shirts (less than 30) to the VA Museum October 1st at their breakfast. Beth will attend and all of Staff Senate is invited.
 - b. Meet and Greet Fall- Student Success Center is hosting. They are changing the date from November 4th to November 11th.
 - c. Interview for Dr. Way- Select representatives from staff and faculty were interviewed concerning their thoughts and experiences with Dr. Way as president. Those conducting the interview wondered why staff were hesitant to respond to the survey that was sent out. Staff who were interviewed reported that it was a safe space to share honest feedback. There were questions about if the results of the interviews and surveys would be shared. The results will be presented to the executive committee and board but it is unclear if staff will hear the results.
4. **New Business**
 - a. Jeff Powers- Chat and Chili- Jeff Powers will meet with all staff October 27th at 10am to answer questions about the Pilot Program for Christmas Break and other HR related questions staff may have. We will give staff an opportunity to submit questions beforehand. Staff Senate needs to create flyer.
 - b. Fall Fundraisers- Breast cancer awareness fundraiser subcommittee met earlier in the week. Mini pumpkins have gone up in price and have been difficult to find. We will not have that fundraiser this year. There are still plans to host a pumpkin decorating contest. There will be a \$5 fee to enter a decorated pumpkin into the contest. Chili Cook Off has been proposed in conjunction with the information session Jeff Powers is hosting (Chat and Chili) to serve as another fundraiser. Staff and faculty will be asked to sign up to bring chili for a cook off. Tickets to the tasting will be \$5 and will include a ticket to cast a vote on the best chili. We will ask Café 1822 to donate a gift certificate to the winner and have a chili lunch special that day as well. We will have the decorated pumpkins on display and ask individuals to vote on the winner with monetary donations. We will ask the Foundation Office if they can donate sample cups, spoons, napkins, and water. Staff Senate members will bring crackers and other items needed.

All proceeds from these fundraisers will go towards mammogram scholarships for the Athens-Limestone Hospital Foundation. Staff Senate needs to create flyer.

- c. November meeting- The cabinet would like to attend Staff Senate's November meeting.

Concerns/Announcements

- a. Campus Safety Meeting will be held in the Ballroom next Wednesday, September 21st. There will be information and updates about the alert system, panic buttons, evacuation procedures, severe weather protocols, active shooter training, etc. Email with more information will be sent soon.
- b. Preview Day will be September 24 hosted by the Admissions Office.

Meeting Adjourned- 10:39am

Minutes submitted by Kayla Kohanek Tankersley.