



# STAFF SENATE

## ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

**Staff Senate Meeting**  
**January 26, 2024 10:00am**  
**McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium & Zoom**

**Present:** Pam Bridges, Carolyn Carthen (zoom), Diego Chulan, Kathryn Doaty, Proxy-Dana Waldrep (Kim Dunnavant), Donna Holland, Beth Jenkins (zoom), Amber Martinez, Elaine McGill, Whitney Michael, Valerie Sellers, Amber Skantz (zoom)

**Absent:** Ben Dumas

1. **Order-** Meeting called to order by Amber Martinez.
2. **Minutes-** The minutes were accepted and approved.
3. **Old Business**
  - a. Cabinet Updates at November's meeting
  - b. Translation help for students-Diego will look into options, ask ESL professor for suggestions.
  - c. Employee gym on campus: Committee to research and develop a plan made up of: Mike McCoy, Pam Bridges, Ronda Kelly, Linda Graves, Jeffrey Guenther, Whitney Michael, Jennifer Mares
4. **New Business**
  1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of McCandless to hold Meet and Greet Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am for the campus community. Help spread the word!
  2. Carnation Sale-Fundraiser-approved.
    - a. \$2 per carnation, sales start Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, money turned in by Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - b. Fundraiser recipient-Kids to Love, the Serve Club, Scholarship created by Staff Senate, Accounting Club to support the Pack a Purse drive.
    - c. Majority voted split proceeds between the Serve Club and Accounting Club for service projects.
  3. Staff Professional Development and Training.
    - a. Amber Skantz-Host a staff development day(s)
    - b. Whitney Michael-Need across campus research on what is needed/wanted for staff development. A committee needs to be formed to gather information and actively make a plan for professional development options available to staff.
    - c. Staff Professional Development committee-Whitney Michael, Elaine McGill, Amber Skantz, Ronda Kelley, Kathryn Doaty, Diego Chulan, Pam Bridges. Whitney will create a climate survey to go out to staff.
  4. Committees-Mentor Program Committee, Campus Gym Committee, Bylaws Committee, & Staff Professional Development Committee-Reminders for these committees to coordinate dates and times to meet.
5. **Comments/Concerns**
  - a. No further discussion.
  - b. Motion to adjourn from Elaine. Second from Carolyn.

**Meeting Adjourned-** Meeting adjourned. Minutes recorded by Whitney Michael.