



STAFF SENATE

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting
Feb. 21, 2025 10:00am
McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium &
Zoom

Present: Pam Bridges, Diego Chulan-zoom, Kathryn Doaty, Ben Dumas, Kim Dunnavant, Donna Holland, Beth Jenkins-zoom, Amber Martinez (PO), Elaine McGill-zoom, Whitney Michael (secretary), Valerie Sellers, Amber Skantz-zoom

Absent: Carolyn Carthen

1. **Order-** Meeting called to order by Amber Martinez at 10:02 am.
2. **Minutes-** Minutes for January meeting were approved. Motion to accept from Kim Dunnavant. Second by Kathryn Doaty.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Spring Carnations Sale Fundraiser-google form?
 - b. Update on Staff Professional Development
 - c. Staff Senate Committee Chairs
4. **New Business**
 - a. President's Inauguration/Staff Senate luncheon & gift for the president:
 - Staff Senate gift to the president for inauguration requested. Foundations will fund the gift.
 - Possible framed picture of campus or a building on campus presented.
 - Possible Bonner student who is an artist could commission a piece for Senate.
 - Motion to have Bonner student commission the piece from Whitney Michael. Second from Valerie Sellers. Motion carried.
 - Staff Senate Luncheon April 23, 2025 at noon. It will be part of the inauguration festivities.
 - Luncheon menu will consist of Stir fry, ginger salad, egg rolls, and cheesecake.
 - b. Staff Senate Carnation flower sale went very smooth and successful with 960 carnations sold!
5. **Concerns/Announcements**
 - i. Jeff Powers provides update about .edu email for retired staff. IT says no due to inability to maintain security for that many emails. It will only be an emeritus perk and must be applied for.
 - ii. Jeff Powers announces that the promotion packet deadline was extended to

February 15th. The policy itself is still under review.

- iii. Trish DiLullo asks why wasn't the extension communicated to all staff.
 - 1. Jeff told staff that this should have been communicated from their VPS and not HR. Their direct VPs approved the extension, so they should have been the ones to tell staff.
 - 2. Jeff stated the deadline to have them to the President for review is April 15th, so there is still probably time to submit a packet if staff want to do so.
 - 3. Amber M. will reach out to Jackie Gooch on how the information was communicated to staff.
- iv. Jerry wants everyone to remember that the Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build project is coming up.

6. Next meeting is March 21 at 10:00 am in McCandless Hall

Meeting Adjourned- Motion to adjourn by Ben Dumas. Second by Donna Holland. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. Minutes recorded by Whitney Michael.