



STAFF SENATE

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting

March 21, 2025

10:00am

McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium &
Zoom

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

Absent: Carolyn Carthen, Pam Bridges, Amber Martinez

1. **Order-** Meeting called to order by Beth Jenkins at 10:02 am.
2. **Minutes-** Minutes for February meeting were approved. Motion to accept from Kim Dunnavant. Second by Kathryn Doaty.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. President's Inauguration/Staff Senate luncheon & gift for the president.
 - b. Staff Senate carnation flower sale-we raised a little over \$1,000 so we will split it between the two charities.
 - c. Update from bylaws committee on staff promotion policy
4. **New Business**
 - a. Ducky Awards-update from Whitney
 - A new procedure will be implemented with staff senators delivering duckies once per month after Staff Senate meetings.
 - Due to the size of the cards, a maximum of 460 characters-including spaces-will be used.
 - b. Upcoming staff professional development opportunities
 - "What's Next? How to Redefine Success from Goal-Driven to Purpose-Driven Educators" by LoAmmi Richardson on April 22nd.
 - Lunch and Learn with Dr. Katia Maxwell-"Utilizing ChatGPT to streamline your workflow" on May 7th from 12:00-1:00pm.
 - c. Update from Policy & Review Committee-Kim Dunnavant
 - Kim met with Jackie Gooch who explained the processes of policy reviews and changes.
 - Staff salary adjustment is at the discretion of the administration.
 - Next meeting is not scheduled at this time.
 - d. John Booty Award-Jerry Stephens
 - Jerry would like to have senate review the process in which ballots are collected for the Booty Award.

- A suggestion of using a single email/form for submission over sending to any senator was made.
- Amber Skantz suggested using the Elections Committee to hold an email or single access point for the Booty Award nominations and other election submissions.
- Whitney motions that we choose to let the election committee create a single point, whether it's an email or a google form, to receive all of them and collect them because the election committee should be over the collection process. Kim D. seconds the motion. Majority carries.
- Jerry's next request is for the senate to review the process of voting on the Booty Award nominees. He would like to have a rubric of some type created to keep voting more fair than just wins by popular vote.
- Amber motions to have the Bylaws committee to look into alternate criteria for selection of the award. Whitney seconds. Majority carries.
- Kim D. will discuss options for this at the next Bylaws Committee meeting.

e. Gift for Dr. Wehlburg-Trish Dilullo

- The bonner student, she sent proofs they included Jackie Gooch in the conversation, and then 3 were sent out for a vote. The #2 choice won and was sent to the student.
- This is not Dr. Wehlburg's portrait for Founder's or something for the university. This is a piece of art for Dr. Wehlburg that is personal to her.
- Founders was considered and then there was discussion about something more personal. Sylvia has already started on the piece, but any questions should be directed to Amber.

5. Concerns/Announcements

- i. Amber Skantz raised the question about a staff survey on the website and the contact name and email provided is Beth Jenkins.
1. Beth was the previous PO and the information was not updated online.
 2. She does not receive and has never received the survey responses.
 3. This will be tabled until Amber Martinez can be brought in and investigate the survey link.

6. Next meeting is April 18th at 10:00 am in McCandless Hall

Meeting Adjourned- Motion to adjourn by Diego Chulan. Second by Valerie Sellers. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am. Minutes recorded by Whitney Michael.