



# STAFF SENATE

## ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

**Staff Senate Meeting**  
**April 18, 2025 10:00am**  
**McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium &**  
**Zoom**

**Present:** Pam Bridges-proxy Shawn Appling, Diego Chulan, Kathryn Doaty, Ben Dumas-zoom, Kim Dunnivant, Donna Holland, Elaine McGill, Whitney Michael (secretary), Valerie Sellers, Amber Skantz-zoom

**Absent:** Beth Jenkins

1. **Order-** Meeting called to order by Amber Martinez at 10:03 am.
2. **Minutes-** Minutes for the March meeting were approved. Motion to accept from Kim Dunnivant. Second by Kathryn Doaty.
3. **Old Business**
  - a. Ducky Awards – new procedure and word max. Email to [appreciation@athens.edu](mailto:appreciation@athens.edu).
  - b. Staff Professional Development Committee-reminder about submitting applications for funds.
  - c. Policy & Review Committee – no update; waiting on HR for policy update.
  - d. John Booty Award – Jerry presented desire to change the submission process and a rubric for choosing the winner.
  - e. Gift for Dr. Welburg – Trish updated everyone that the student is near completion of the painting.
4. **New Business**
  - a. Formation of Recycling Committee
    - Meeting will be held in June
    - Those interested in joining the committee please let Amber M. know.
  - b. Lion's Club – Jerry Stephens shares volunteer opportunities
    - Kiddie Carnival-service project and fundraiser
    - Community service organization world-wide
    - Volunteers from ASU wanted for Kiddie Carnival
    - Option to join Lion's Club for \$100/year membership
    - Possible future ASU Lion's Club branch
    - Check out [www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org) for for information and volunteer opportunities.
    - Get with Amber M. for possible serve dates for Kiddie Carnival.
  - c. Upcoming Events:

- Professional Development Session on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with LoAmmi – snacks provided.
  - Professional Development Session/Webinar on May 7<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Maxwell.
- d. Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Wes Chenault will be our guest speaker.
  - Senators will present Dr. Wehlburg's gift after John Booty Award recognition.
  - Help cleaning up after is needed.

**5. Concerns/Announcements**

- i. Alyson Quinn reminds everyone about professional development application submissions.
- ii. Maria Garner reminds everyone volunteers still needed for Panoply. Volunteers get two passes.
- iii. Christen Lott Asks about possible Cabinet update soon.
- iv. Amber M./Mike M update on Gym staying in use during renovations. Walking trail is being extended.

**6. Next meeting is May 16th at 10:00 am in McCandless Hall**

**Meeting Adjourned-** Motion to adjourn by Carolyn Carthen. Second by Diego Chulan. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am. Minutes recorded by Whitney Michael.