



# STAFF SENATE

## ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY

**Staff Senate Meeting**  
**June 20, 2025 10:00 am**  
**McCandless Hall- Griffin Auditorium &**  
**Zoom**

**Present:** Carolyn Carthen-zoom, Diego Chulan-proxy Chloe Cruz, Kathryn Doaty-zoom, Ben Dumas-zoom, Kim Dunnavant, Donna Holland, Amber Martinez (PO), Elaine McGill-zoom, Whitney Michael (secretary), Valerie Sellers, Amber Skantz

**Absent:** Pam Bridges, Beth Jenkins

1. **Order-** Meeting called to order by Amber Martinez at 10:01 am.
2. **Minutes-** Minutes for the May meeting were approved. Motion to accept from Kim Dunnavant. Second by Donna Holland.
3. **Old Business**
  - a. Update from Mike McCoy and Dr. Wehlburg
  - b. Staff Professional Development Fund-update
  - c. Policy & Review Committee – no update; waiting on HR for policy update.
  - d. Committee updates-John Booty Award-Kim Dunnavant
4. **New Business**
  - a. Update from Cabinet-Dr. Wehlburg and others
    - Dr. Wehlburg: August 15<sup>th</sup> is convocation; August 22<sup>nd</sup> is the first-ever student convocation from 5:00-8:00 pm – dinner, scavenger hunt, swag, dessert with colleges
    - Dr. Gill: Summer Academy for faculty was a success; thanks to the staff who helped
    - Mike: Quick comment about his retirement and his love for working with everyone and Athens State over the years; Brown Hall may be finished mid July; Carter Hall is on the city council agenda on Monday and the commission office July 7<sup>th</sup>, then the Board agenda for the July meeting; renovation will cause an 18-24 month disruption
    - Belinda: IT migration to 356-working with the vendor for minimal disruption; working on updates to processes such as name changes
    - Chris: Marketing Research-thanks for those involved; HSV area demographic 1<sup>st</sup> phase of reporting and insights; survey naming spirit store picked, not announced yet, more to come in a couple weeks; license plate-took all feedback and made a new one based off of it, final approval for it at the DMV; Homecoming in Ballroom this year; The Wall that Heals coming Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

- Dr. Wehlburg: Advancement and Alumni-Top Golf event in Birmingham was very successful, more events to come
  - Chelsea Green: Giving Day Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, \$75 or more gets swag
- b. Recycling Committee-possible grant help
- Kim Dunnavant
  - Amber Martinez
  - Dana Waldrep
  - Trish DiLullo
  - Valerie Sellers
- c. Kiddie Karnival tonight, 6:00 pm-Jerry has reached out to all volunteers, group photo before
- d. Staff Professional Development Committee:
- PD Day-Workshop Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> with Jovan Glasgow “Rejuvenate your Why”
  - Money still left for individuals, cap \$250 per individual
- e. Kim Dunnavant-John Booty Award:
- Recap of 5 separate revisions
  - #1 Nominations can be collected via a survey tool. Whitney motions. Kathryn seconds. The majority votes in favor. Motion carries.
  - #2 Pg. 8 language change from criteria to eligibility. Donna motions. Amber S. seconds. The majority votes in favor. Motion carries.
  - #3 Pg. 8 Change from senators not being eligible to senators being eligible. Valerie Motions. Kim seconds. After the discussion, the motion dies. Amber S. motions for the survey to go out to all staff. Whitney seconds. After the discussion, the motion dies. Whitney motions for an email discussion and a vote to be sent to senators about the survey going out. Kim seconds. The majority votes in favor. Motion carries.
  - #4 Pg. 8 2024-2025 winners need to be added to the list. Amber S. motions. Valerie seconds. The majority votes in favor. Motion carries.
  - #5 Pg. 8 Remove the winners list from the constitution to avoid voting for yearly update and add to the website. Whitney motions. Valerie seconds. The majority votes in favor. Motion carries.

**5. Concerns/Announcements**

**6. Next meeting is July 18 at 10:00 am in McCandless Hall**

**Meeting Adjourned-** Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am. Minutes recorded by Whitney Michael.