



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

May 18, 2022 10:00 am Library Conference Room 622

Attendees	<p>Senators: Greg Andrews, James Beinkemper, Mallory Benedetto, Benji Buffington, Fernando Cordova, Therese Filhiol-Secretary, Andrew Hardee-Parliamentarian, Joanna Hunter, Meghan Olinger- President Elect, Melissa Rhodes-President, Allison Thompson-Past President, Nicole Walker, Jimmy Waller, Sara Webb</p> <p>New Senators: Chloe Beaver, Colm Bourke, Dana Mejia, Sarah Siereveld, Ahmaad Solmone, Faith Wilson</p> <p>Visitors: ULM President Ron Berry, SGA President Ethan Estis</p>	
Excused/Absent	Mystee Burrell, Cindy Foust, Robyn Jordan	Meagan Morris , Hope Young
Call to Order		
<p>May 2022 Staff Senate Meeting called to order by President Rhodes Roll taken by Secretary Filhiol New Senators and visitors welcomed by President Rhodes</p>		
Approval of Minutes		
<p>Motion made by Senator Hunter to approve the Minutes of the April 2022 meeting. Seconded by Senator Andrews.</p>		
Guest Speaker		
<p>No guest speaker was scheduled for the May meeting in order to allow time for election of officers.</p>		
Reports of Committees		
<p>Communications – Facebook has been a successful endeavor, with Senator Profiles and Staff Spotlights posted monthly Constitution & Bylaws – Successfully completed the revision and combining of the two documents; will continue to review Handbook – Successfully completed annual review and submitted to VPBA for approval Elections – Thanks to everyone for patience with the process. Participation greatly increased this year. Finance –We spent money this year on a table at Envision, shirts and name tags for Senators, and the end-of-year breakfast. The \$10,000 in funds made available this year will not roll over. We will be funded at \$10,000 again for the coming year. Welfare – Ongoing discussion of workload and compensation</p>		
Continuing Business		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Senate was allowed to suggest names for the Excellence awards; the ceremony was held in the evening and was a great event. • Women Take Flight mentor/mentee program is highly recommended; deadline to apply is this Friday. • Nest working event is still being coordinated. • Recognition of departing Senators by President Rhodes 		

Election of Officers	
<p>Nominees ran unopposed and were therefore elected by acclamation as follows: Andrew Hardee – President Elect Joanna Hunter - Secretary</p>	
Open Discussion	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee assignments are forthcoming from President Olinger. • Past President Rhodes is creating an onboarding committee for new Senators. • SGA President Estis reiterated his commitment to shared governance and communication. • ULM President Berry recognized Melissa Rhodes as a great Staff Senate President who has done an awesome job, has been of great service, and is a great team player. 	
Adjournment	
<p>There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Senator Buffington and seconded by Senator Thompson. Meeting adjourned by President Olinger. Summer meetings are tentatively scheduled for June 15 and July 27 at 10:00 am in the Library Conference Room 622.</p>	