



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

October 19, 2022 10:00 am Library 622

Attendees	<p>Senators: Greg Andrews, Chloe Beaver, Mallory Benedetto, Therese Filhiol, Cindy Foust, Andrew Hardee-President Elect, Joanna Hunter-Secretary, Dana Mejia, Meghan Olinger-President, Melissa Rhodes-Past President, Jimmy Waller, Chris Williams, Faith Wilson</p> <p>Visitors: Patti Pate, Ethan Estis, Jessica Griggs, Ayush Gupta, Sabrina McClain, Christie Hemphill</p>
Excused/Absent	Kristal Anzalone, James Beinkemper, Fernando Cordova, Sarah Siereveld, Ahmaad Solmone, Nicole Walker, Sara Webb
Call to Order	
<p>October Staff Senate Meeting called to order by President Olinger Roll taken by Secretary Hunter Visitors welcomed by President Olinger</p>	
Approval of Minutes	
<p>Motion made by Senator Greg Andrews to approve the Minutes of the September 2022 meeting. Seconded by Senator Faith Wilson.</p>	
Guest Speaker	Patti Pate Executive Director of the Student Success Center
<p>Patti discussed the SSC having a social media presence, and that communication is a key component. They are working on strategic planning that includes a yes mentality and creates a feeling that staff cares. They are addressing challenges and working towards creating relationships with students. Retention is affected by all parts of campus and is an important piece to maintaining enrollment. The SSC advises all freshman, pre-programs and undeclared students. It also provides mentoring programs such as PASS and GOLD for students at risk of losing their scholarships or on probation. The SSC advisors teach the UNIV 1001 courses and they now include a seminar series with different campus units. The SSC also provides transfer specialists, emerging scholars program, tutoring and utilizes TALON to help with retention and at-risk students. If staff have any ideas for the SSC please reach out to Patti.</p>	
Reports of Committees	
<p>Handbook – 21/22 handbook is now on the staff senate website By-laws – tentative plans for a budget committee Elections- no report Staff welfare- Staff appreciation day on 10/25 from 9-3, volunteers needed.</p>	
Continuing Business	
None	

New Business	
<p>No new Business.</p> <p>Reminders of upcoming events: Sipping TEA with the VP, Fall Break, Athletic events, Envision ULM, VAPA, ULM pageants, Trunk or treat.</p> <p>Phi Kappa Phi Kids book drive for Emily Williamson Lab school.</p>	
Adjournment	
<p>There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Senator Mallory Benedetto and seconded by Senator Therese Filhiol. Meeting adjourned by President Olinger. The next Staff Senate meeting will be on November 16th at 10:00 am in the Library Conference Room 622.</p>	

