

**Minutes**  
**KSU Staff Senate Meeting (remotely via Teams)**  
**March 22, 2021**

**Call to Order:**

March meeting of the Kennesaw State University Staff Senate via Microsoft Teams on March 22, 2021. David Easterwood, Staff Senate president, called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m. Agenda approved at 10:03am and minutes from February meeting approved at 10:04am.

**Guest Speakers:**

Policy Process Council Updates: Access to University Policy-broadened exceptions for students that need door access for students with academic needs, no background check not required. Trying to make the policies more efficient. Travel- policy changes include verbiage cleanup for short mileage reimbursement definition, exception flow for travel policy, and clarifying medical condition exceptions should flow to HR instead of to the office of fiscal services. Advertising- new policy out of old guideline, formalizing the acceptance of advertising from external sources and the approval process, mostly pertaining to BOB and structural advertising. Alcohol and Other Drug Policy- annual update for the policy is mostly verbiage change, contact information. Major adjustment is functional alcohol policy for event venues on campus now allowing for delegate signatures instead of direct president approval for any alcohol approvals and process flow changes as a result of the delegates, also includes new definitions, abuse changes to misuse in the policy.

**Committee Updates:**

Budget, Finance, and Fundraising: Treasurer's Report- only changes include Operating Budget is now \$2304.89 and scholarship fund is now up to \$673.80. Waiting to hear if checks from scholarship were cut.

Bylaws: Still considering meeting set up virtual vs. in person since this is not currently in the bylaws.

Communications: No updates.

Policy and Procedures: No updates.

Staff Recognition and Development: New information about staff of the season award will go out via email this week for review.

**Old Business:**

February and March KSU Money talks took place. Planning to hold more classes to go further in depth with how the university earns its money and how that is spent.

USG Chancellor search listening sessions have happened, first two were closed to various councils. These meetings included discussion on the process for finding the new chancellor, asking for nominations and then asking for what characteristics we are looking for in a new chancellor.

**New Business:**

State employee \$1000 bonus- email from Gov. Kemp and USG about bonuses approved for employees making less than \$80k. Pay will occur during the March 26<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> payroll cycle.

USG Chancellor Search- 2 closed and 3 open listening sessions between March 2-8. Link with more information: [https://www.usg.edu/chancellor\\_search/](https://www.usg.edu/chancellor_search/)

Return to Normal Operations- March 16<sup>th</sup> President Whitten announced the return to normal operations for classes, residence life, athletics, and face-to-face engagement. Links to information

sessions with HR will occur throughout March and April. Please ask your department head or dean for the links to these sessions.

COVID Vaccine Conversation: Wednesday March 24 from 12-1pm. Panel of Wellstar Health and Cobb and Douglas Public Health to discuss information and ask questions.

**\*\*All of the new business topics are included in the HR Newsletter.**

Next meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup>, meeting adjourns at 10:33am.

<b>Attendees</b>
Aaron Howell
Alexander McGee
Alice Wheelwright
Amanda DesLauriers
Andrea Douglas
Ann Vancza
Anna Traykova
Bonnie Acton
Cencilia Obika
Chelsea Mattox
Christine Zelt
Cris Griffin
Cristen Dutcher
Daniel Terry
David Easterwood
David Tatu
Donna Bertrand
Emmie Cass
Erica Florence
Fola Teru
Heather Nunes
Heather Pincock
Jaime Fulsang
Jeanine Jones
Jennifer Lippincott
Karen McDonnell
Kathy Rechsteiner
Kelli Tracy
Kevin Gwaltney
Lindsay Montgomery
Lydia West
Margaret Mazza
Michael Fellows
Michael Pourreau
Nicole Connely

Nikki Hooven
Rachel Strickland
Raquel Monterroso
Rebecca Mattox
Renee Gamache
Ryan McLemore
Samantha Hazelwood
Stefanie Green
Tiffany Weems
Tricia Chastain
Veronica Trammel
Vickie Lee
Zachary Kearns

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