

**Minutes**  
**KSU Staff Senate**  
**December 15, 2016**

**Call to Order:**

A general meeting of the KSU Staff Senate was held on the Kennesaw Campus, Student Center Leadership Room, Marietta, Georgia on Thursday, December 15, 2016. Chair, Kathy Rechsteiner, called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

**Members in attendance:**

Sarah Abercrombie, Tara Adams, Rita Alwan, Connie Allen, Andy Altizer, Lisa Bauer, Angela "Chris" Beam, Jeffrey Bernard, Sara Blunk, Ed Bonza, Christine Bryant, Alberta Cook, Angela Evans, Jessica Fellows, Jennifer Figueroa, Bonnie Folker, Christopher Gaydon, Kevin Gecowets, Amanda George, Jessi Jones, Scott Jordan, Lois Leahy, Viola Lee, Beth Anne Youngblood (Proxy for Ashley McClure), Vickie Moody, Nicole Phillips, Kathy Rechsteiner, Ashley Richardson, Stacey Solomon, Christina Turner, Ann Vancza, Sandra Walton, Christine Zelt

**Guests in attendance:**

Sam Olens (President's Office), Lynda Johnson (President's Office), Veronica Trammell (Administrative Council), Alan Hall, Caitlan Shaw, Crystal Money, Ashlee Clark, Kelsey Gulledge, Hilary Battle, Chelsea Craig, Pam Smith, Amy Phillips, Benoit Bernadel, Karin Petteys, Michael Purreau, Brenda Luther, Gail Ocesher, Pam (Last name illegible)

**Introduction of New President:**

Kathy started the meeting by introducing our new President, Sam Olens, to the Staff Senate. Staff Senate presented a Awards Certificate to Sam Olens for his 45 days of continual service to the University. Mr. Olens discussed the following topics:

- Potential change in the Admissions Policy due to unsustainable growth.
- Incoming freshman and retention rates
- Complaints to his office regarding students experiencing bottlenecks to required courses
- Planned growth to the Graduate Program

Mr. Olens then asked us to adjust our agenda by requesting a 1-minute presentation from each standing committee.

Kevin Gecowets presented for Staff Development & Recognition

- Resurrect Employee of the Month
- Meet the President
- Professional Development Certificate Program

Ann Vancza presented for Communications

- Discussed marketing and re-branding

Christine Zelt presented for Policies and Procedures

- Parking policy (President wants new Parking Policy in place by July 1)
- Looking at options for changing the Holiday Break Schedule (President is not a fan of the current system)
- Staff Senate work with Student Government
- Legislative Issues

Nicole Phillips presented for Bylaws

- Working to clarify Bylaws & if they work
- Potential updates to elections – must maintain equitable representation between campuses

Vickie Moody presented for Budget

- Working to establish budget and meaningful line items

President Olens entertained questions from the Senate

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Jessi Jones to approve the November 17, 2016 Minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

**Officer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report:

Agency Account: \$140.55  
Foundation Gift: \$1,250.00  
Foundation Operating: \$2,306.63  
Foundation Scholarship: \$3,300.45  
Petty Cash: \$1.75

Transactions as of September 2016

\$33.00 cash gift to Operations Account  
\$80.90 cash gift to Scholarship Account  
\$500.00 expense to Scholarship Account

Will be filed for the audit.

Alberta Cook asked about the status of Jessi Jones's reimbursement from the Conference. We expect the Foundation will pay in January

Staff Senate General Meeting was cut short due to a Fire Alarm in the Building. Exact time unknown.

**Guest Presentations:**

Nwakaego Nkumeh, from Legal Affairs gave a presentation for the Policy Process Council regarding the proposed Programs Serving Minors policy. More information available at [www.protectingminors.kennesaw.edu](http://www.protectingminors.kennesaw.edu). Any questions should be referenced to [asklegal@kennesaw.edu](mailto:asklegal@kennesaw.edu)

Nwakaego also presented on the updated Sexual Misconduct Policy. All KSU employees, unless those with privileged exception, are Mandatory Reporters..

**Senate Business:**

Kathy Rechsteiner presented information to the Senate regarding the Executive Board meeting with President Olens.

Senate discussed the Parking Policy & Levi's and Sarah's representation to the Parking Committee. There is a proposal in the Parking Committee to change to tiered payment. Parking Committee voting will occur in January or February of 2017.

**Movement to Adjourn the Meeting:**

Kathy Adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am