

Minutes
KSU Staff Senate
January 19, 2017

Call to Order:

A general meeting of the KSU Staff Senate was held on the Kennesaw Campus, Student Center Leadership Room, Kennesaw, Georgia on Thursday, January 19, 2017. Chair, Kathy Rechsteiner, called the meeting to order at 10:14 am.

Members in attendance:

Sarah Abercrombie, Tara Adams, Connie Allen, Lisa Bauer, Angela "Chris" Beam, Ed Bonza, Sara Blunk, Christine Bryant, Aisha Cheeks, Donald Coleman, Garrett Campbell (Proxy for Angela Evans), Chelsea Craig, Jennifer Figueroa, Christopher Gaydon, Jessi Jones, Laura McRath, Vickie Moody, Nicole Phillips, Kathy Rechsteiner, Levi Sexton, Stacey Solomon, Ann Vancza, Sandra Walton, Christine Zelt

Guests in attendance:

Fatimot Ladipo, Government Relations

Approval of Minutes:

Nichole Phillips moved to approve the December 15, 2016 Minutes. Ed Bonza seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Agency Account: \$140.55
Foundation Gift: \$1,250.00
Foundation Operating: \$2,306.63
Foundation Scholarship: \$3,719.55
Petty Cash: \$1.75

Reports presented reflect only official transactions posted via accounting and foundation

Will be filed for audit.

Guest Presentations:

Fatima Ladipo spoke on behalf of the Government Relations team and shared that the first "Under the Gold Dome" was sent January 10. She provided a budget update as well as updates on pending and upcoming legislation, including Title IV bill. She announced KSU Day at the Capitol on February 16 and encouraged everyone to know how to contact their representative.

Senate Business:

Kathy Rechsteiner presented information to the Senate regarding the University Council Meeting, including items related to parking and holidays. The Staff Senate February meeting, originally scheduled for Marietta campus, will be on the Kennesaw campus. Due to lack of quorum, the motion tabled until today will move to the February meeting.

Bylaws Committee

Nicole Phillips thanked the committee for their work. Initial goals for the committee are 1) make meaning of the bylaws, 2) ask questions for the sake of clarity, 3) get feedback. The committee has made requests for clarity to both the executive committee and to the elections committee.

Communications Committee

Ann Vancza reported that the committee is working on rebranding and re-messaging what Staff Senate is all about. A sub-committee has been formed to develop plan.

Policies and Procedures Committee

Christine Zelt shared that twelve holidays have been posted for 2017. There are no required vacation days for the Christmas break. Amy Phillips will be at next couple meetings to answer questions. Discussion followed regarding changing the February meeting to an open information session for all staff. Staff Senate would host and we would have guest speakers. Kathy will work on this.

Professional Development

Jennifer Figueroa discussed the possibility of paid professional development days for staff. Chair Elect, Stacey Solomon, suggested looking into what Fifth Third Bank offers. They have a program where they want to give back and offer financial education opportunities.

Representative Reports:

Faculty Senate - Chris Bean: Agenda is out for next Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for Mon, Jan 30th which includes discussion on Marietta Campus Parking.

SGA: No meeting/no report.

Community Development Committee: Via Email Ron Bullock from KSU Inform
All staff encouraged to attend rescheduled Law Enforcement Appreciation: Mon, Jan 25 10 to 11
Kennesaw Campus and Tues, Jan 26 10 to 11 Marietta Campus

Faculty & Staff Evaluation Process Review Committee: No Report

Food Advisory committee: No Report

Policy Process Council: As Susan P. recently retired no information on her successor. Reminder to Jeff to send/resend new Cell Phone Policy to all senators.

Athletic Oversight Committee: Christine Zelt: Next meeting in February.

Public Safety Committee: No Report

Kathy (via email Christy Hendricks) 1st Quarterly Crisis Coordinator Meeting Thurs, Jan 26 1 - 3 pm. Both Kathy & Tara Adams reviewed the recent snow/ice/winter weather event and its impact on the housed students. Expectations have changed as all areas are now expected to be clear, open and accessible to include all building entrances, parking lots, etc. Team including EHS worked with contracted vendors as appropriate. Chris Gaydon is the only licensed CDL driver on campus; therefore, sand was not placed. New/smaller equipment needed which doesn't require CDL's to operate.

Parking & Transportation: Levi Sexton: Sara Blunk to attend meeting next Thursday as new parking policy will be shared which will be implemented in July (includes Marietta campus). Teachable moment by Kathy to Staff Senate regarding presentations to Shared Governance, P&T Open Forum Meetings, Roll-out and final implementation responding to inquiry by Jennifer F.

KSU Staff Awards: No Report (Kathy provided sweeping overview of the Opening Ceremony event with enhanced funding by Foundation reminding all that this initiative is now handed by Office of Human Resources.)

External Reports - Relay for Life via email Elizabeth Davis

Kathy presented participation opportunity for April Relay for Life event to be held on the campus green (afternoon to midnight) and encouraged staff to volunteer. Vickie Moody shared recognition to staff for last year's event in honor of her brother who passed away this summer after a 2 year battle with Colon Cancer.

New Business: None

Old Business: Collection to reimburse \$75.00 non-allowable conference incurred by Jessi Jones.

Movement to Adjourn the Meeting:

Kathy adjourned the meeting at 11:44 am