

Minutes
HSU Staff Senate
September 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Henderson State University Staff Senate was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Wilson Room by President Drew Smith.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Amanda Baker, Angie Bradshaw, Martha Bryant, Brenda Callaway, Deborah Collins, Calvin Francis, Tina Furr, Josh Hebig, Ernie Higgs, Becky Hughes, Jackie Inouye, Penny Kinder, Rene Loy, Jacob Mills, Beverly Quillin, Drew Smith, Rhonda Thigpen

Members Absent: Denise Cordova, Renee' Davis, Anna Eudy-Espinoza, Debbie Mead, Mike Pennington

Proxy: Pam Perez was present on behalf of Anna Eudy-Espinoza

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on motion by Amanda Baker, seconded by Martha Bryant.

President's Report

Dr. Drew Smith met with Vice President Bobby Jones and discussed many of the projects that are happening around campus. Chick-fil-A is scheduled to open on October 1st or 2nd. There will also be a Grillworks. Funding has been obtained to refurbish the Day Gym, paint and floor the Garrison Center, replace carpet in the library, and put new lights in the lecture hall.

Smith has spoken with President Jones about having a forum with the staff. An announcement of this forum will be coming soon.

Announcements

Smith encouraged staff to attend the Strategic Planning Session scheduled for Friday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Staff Concerns

Handicap parking problems at Foster Hall's Disability Resource Center and other areas on campus were discussed. Smith will discuss the issue with Police Chief Campbell and Vice President Bobby Jones for a possible solution.

The concern over possible rising health insurance premiums was discussed. Penny Kinder reported it is unknown at this time if the increase would be passed on to employees. The Underwriters will finish by September 17, and then meet with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association Health Advantage representatives. Employees will have approximately 1 month to consider options before the open enrollment session begins in October.

Adjournment

On motion by Ernie Higgs, seconded by Martha Bryant, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of Staff Senate will be October 9, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Callaway