

Minutes
HSU Staff Senate
May 14, 2014

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Henderson State University Staff Senate was called to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Wilson Room by President Jacob Mills.

Roll Call

Members Present: Carey Baker, Lisa Buck, Brenda Callaway, Julie Cissell, Denise Cordova, David Epperhart, Calvin Francis, Tina Furr, Valerie Hunter, Jackie Inouye, Arsala Khan, Rene Loy, Tonia McBay, Debbie Mead, Jacob Mills, Brandon Randle, Alisha Reid

Members Absent: Angie Bradshaw, Deborah Collins, Renee Davis, Becky Hughes, Mike Pennington

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by motion of Julie Cissell, seconded by Arsala Khan.

President's Report

Staff Senate President Jacob Mills met with President Jones. They discussed the Staff Awards Luncheon and the budget for the luncheon. President Jones agreed to take on the cost of the Staff Awards Luncheon from here on out. They also discussed the Shared Governance Taskforce such as the work that has been done and the committees. They hope to have something set up for the committees by August.

President Jacob Mills met with the Staff Senate Executive Committee to discuss creating a booklet for all Representatives and the Staff Senate budget.

President Jacob Mills also met with Bobby Jones. They talked about setting up more mailboxes and Bobby Jones said that more will be added in the future. Staff Senate President Jacob Mills addressed a concern about health insurance costs. Bobby Jones said that we should know more by November.

In the budget meeting, the proposal was finalized and will go to the Board. Jacob Mills explained that in the plan that they plan to increase tuition and add new fees (online courses), and a 1.5% increase for non-classified staff and faculty.

Staff Senate President Jacob Mills met with Dr. Shepherd. They discussed the E-Cigarette issue and Dr. Shepherd wanted to know what the Staff Senate thinks of the E-Cigarette Policy.

Staff Awards Luncheon

The Staff Awards Luncheon will be on May 15, 2014 in the new cafeteria from 12-1. Arsala Khan gave an update on the Textbook Scholarship.

E-Cigarette Policy

President Jacob Mills mentioned to Dr. Shepherd that there is no place on campus for students who use e-cigarettes. Dr. Shepherd said that students have to go off campus to use the e-cigarettes. The policy also was extended to include any other form of tobacco. The floor was opened to the Staff Senate to voice their concerns/support about the new policy.

A vote to support the policy as is was motioned by Arsala Khan and seconded by David Epperhart. The results of the voting show that Staff Senate supports the policy as is.

Announcements/Staff Concerns

It was announced that Staff Senate Representative Debbie Mead will be retiring.

A concern about the placement of the new dorms was mentioned by a Staff Senate Representative.

Adjournment

On motion by Arsala Khan, seconded by Julie Cissell, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of the Staff Senate will be on March 12, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Reid