

# Minutes from the Staff Senate Meeting August 12, 2015

## Attendees

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Brian Bagwell, Julie Cissell, Brenda Driggers (proxy for Randy McCauley), Christopher Golston, Keasha Gordon-Turner, Sheila Hollis, Pam Ligon, Dawn Mabery, Troy Mitchell, Len Nicosia (Aramark), Carrie Roberson, Veronikha Salazar, Elizabeth Taggard

## Members Absent

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Amy Hunnewell-Fitzroy, Tonia McBay, Arsala Khan

## Agenda

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Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Julie Cissell

### Old Business

- Minutes from June meeting were approved as written
- Employee of the Year State of Arkansas banquet – attended by Allen Leible along with Beth Taggard and Julie Cissell. Wonderful evening celebrating the hard work and dedication of Arkansas State Employees

### President's Report

- President's Meeting – no meeting

### New Business

- Handbook Committee
  - Continually meeting and making updates
- 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Henderson State University
  - Carrie Roberson and the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee are working on making this a special year
    - Tons of research on the rich history of Henderson
    - Musical piece that was performed at the 1<sup>st</sup> graduation in 1893
    - Milestones, former Reddies
    - Bobby Bones will be guest speaker at the Spring Graduation Commencement Ceremony to be held at the football stadium
    - Founders Day, Academy inductees
  - Faculty/Staff Picnic on August 20 – 125 T-shirt will be given to all Faculty and Staff donated by the bookstore
  - David Sesser has written a coffee table book about Henderson
  - Twitter/Facebook use #HSU125
  - Any questions/concerns please contact Carrie
- Shared Governance Committee – currently on hiatus as Faculty Senate has been out, will reconvene upon their return
- Staff Announcements and Concerns
  - Athletic Updates
    - New practice/intramural field lights being installed and dirt work
    - Softball field has been completed, Baseball field will be getting turn soon, and both will have lights installed. This will allow the fields to be used for more sporting events for HSU and the community. First night baseball game will be January 31
    - Tennis courts are being resurfaced
    - New fence, gate and ticket booths at the football stadium
    - New HSU Athletic logo – if you have shirts that have the old logo Print Mania can embroider the new logo over the old one
  - Campus Quad
    - New App that allows faculty/staff/students to follow different campus groups/departments to see events on campus
    - Assistant Vice President's Chad Fielding and Dan Mabery are the app administrators
    - Please see email from Dan Mabery (attached)

- Advising Center: new staff and changes
  - Dr. David Evans will be moving to the Advising Center for BGS
  - 4 new advisors – Michelle Bailey, Leah Sexton, Chris McGough and one additional hire
  - Department chairs will now determine at what level students will transition from the Advising Center to Advisors in their declared area of study
  - Heart Start will be revamped next year due to these changes
  - Career Development Coordinator Sheri Phillips now reports to Dan Mabery, and her office has been relocated to the Student Leadership office in Garrison
- Garrison Center
  - New gaming systems have been installed
  - New commuter lounge
  - PC Lab is only open when Garrison is open
- Campus Signage
  - When will the signs on campus be updated with correct information?
  - Examples: Foster Hall & Caddo (aka Old Caddo)
- Parking outside of Foster
  - Only disabled parking spots
  - Can the island be removed and additional parking added?
  - Need temporary parking for those that need to meet with Advising and/or DRC
  - Parking in general around campus is a concern, desire for additional Faculty/Staff parking
- Caddo Remodeling/Abatement
  - Phase 1 is the renovation and abatement
  - Possible remodel to move all critical student services, allow for “one stop” for students
  - Possible entryway to display a collection of Caddo Indian artifacts that were donated to HSU
  - This is a several year project
- Len Nicosia – Aramark Senior Manager of Facility Services
  - New Blue Cleaning will be used on campus
    - Removed ammonia and other chemicals
    - Healthier/Safer ways to clean
    - Touchless cleaning
  - \$50,000 in new cleaning equipment
  - New Floor Team- dedicated team that would have scheduled floor maintenance across campus
  - Grounds- Tru Green on campus for fertilizing and weed control, 4 treatments this year, 6 next
  - Landscaping Artist – on campus by the end of this month, identify areas to plant perennials and annuals, design process
  - Initially short staffed in Maintenance, had 11 openings and still have a few to fill
  - Initiating a new custodial recognition program
  - New uniforms and safety shoes
  - Inherited 800 pending work orders when Physical Plant transitioned to Aramark, this doesn't include additional work orders that have been submitted
  - Assistance from within their region was sent over to assist
  - New work order system is coming, he will send an email announcing when that will become active
  - Work order system will have a survey after a certain number of work orders
  - Communication with the campus is a challenge, as they are not on the Poise system.
  - Concerns from HSU staff that they are cleaning and mopping their own areas
  - Contact Len Nicosia at [Nicosia-Leonard@aramark.com](mailto:Nicosia-Leonard@aramark.com) or Amy Cooley at [Cooley-Amy@aramark.com](mailto:Cooley-Amy@aramark.com)
- Library Roof – work continues
- Faculty/Staff Dining – (pending info from Johnny Robinson with Aramark)

Meeting was adjourned at 11:14