

HSU Staff Senate Minutes Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Members Present: Bobbie Lee, Kelci Martinez, Ermatine Johnson, Brittani Curtis, Amber Brownlee, Jennifer Holbrook, Jennifer Sigma, Karen Hollis, Kenneth Angell, Lisa Ayres, Makenzie Echols, Madalyn Coffman, Martha Bryant, Millie Bowden. Shalonda McCoy, Susanna Kirk, Alan Hall, Angie Bradshaw, Ashlee Dixon, Beverly Quillin, Carrie Burt, David Martinez, Deborah Collins, Emily Todd,

I) Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Henderson State Staff Senate was held on February 10, 2021 via Google Meet. President Bobbie Lee called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

II) Approval of Minutes: January Minutes were approved in the February Meeting.

III) Guest Speaker: There will be no guest speaker this month.

IV) Presidents Report:

Staff Senate President Bobbie Lee, I did not meet with Dr. Borsig this month as you know we get our weekly updates from Dr. Borsig, so we all know the updates and everything that is going on, so no new information there. I didn't do a guest speaker this month because I wanted to talk about the walking group we have started. I want to talk about how the walking group has come about, and Ricki if you would like to chime in because you were here at the beginning of this you can. Elaine Kneebone reached out to me and wanted to start a walking initiative for the campus. About three months ago she reached out so we have tried to get this going. We want to start a Facebook page to kick this off and make this bigger, and we can have multiple groups that could walk at different times. I think our largest turnout was about 9 people, but we have a steady 4 to 6 people that walk every day. We meet at the centurium at 12.25PM. We have this little path we get about a mile in, which is good. When it is rainy we will walk in the Rec Center, so we can stay warm and stay out of the drizzle. We are super excited about starting this group and getting it going, starting this group and getting it going. It has been really fun getting to see people face to face while still remaining socially distanced. We chat, talk, catch up on families, and make new friends. I encourage everyone to join, and if you can't make it at that time you can create your own walking crew and let us know so we can give you a shout out.

V) Treasurer's Report

Our balance today is \$111.58. No expenses.

VI) Faculty Senate Representative Report: We do not have any updates.

VII) New Business:

This is something I am going to bring up that has been brought to my attention. I received an email last month that last year the years of service certificates were not sent out. We did not have our luncheon so we could give them to everyone, so the certificates kind of fell to the side with the pandemic. I wanted to let everyone know I am working to get this year's certificates completed and we will make sure to get last year certificates out as well. So they will go out at the same time. I am going to get with Ricki, because he was getting with the art department last year to get some different certificates made.

Staff board of excellence was stopped due to budgeting, is there talk of bringing that back to boost morale? Even if the budget is not there just to recognize awesome work from staff. Why was that shut down? Ricki States: right about the end of last year I went to Dr. Boris because the funds were not there. Dr. Borsig said he would look for the funds and they would come from the President's office and that the funds are there and we are going to be bringing it back. We are making it happen again.

Ricki: Some of the returning senate members know and some people that have been in the senate before know that we have committees in the staff senate. I am going to post a link in the chat so you can go and take a look at the committees. Bobbie in the position she has will appoint senate members to the committees. If there is anything you are interested in communicating with Bobbie and we will try and make it happen. Bobbie: I am working on the staff senate email list with IT. Just know that I do know and I am working on that.

VIII) Old Business

We do not have any old business to discuss.

IX) Questions & Announcements:

Ricki: I can share from our office. I have worked with other departments and organizations around campus so we can have a campus wide celebration for black history month. We have a calendar of events of things going on, working with the alumni department, working with the student organizations, working with the Huie library just so we can put up a campus wide celebration. The Calendar is out so please encourage students to come out.

Bobbie: Also guys remember to wear your mask and stay socially distanced!

X) Adjourned:

April 14, 2021 at 10 AM via Google Meet is our next scheduled Staff Senate Meeting.