

HSU Staff Senate Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Members present: Chanda Hooten, Cody Hooten, Kristopher Dunn, Jacob Mills, Jacob Bland, Ricki Rebollar, Nikki Laird, Jennifer Sigman, Tamara Horn, Mallory Turner, Heath Sims, Jordan Argo, Denise Cordova, Kelly Stewart, Peggy Woodall, Carrie Stanley, Scott Chandler, Phil McDaniel, Beth Jackson, Ermatine Johnson, Jordan Bell, Lauren Smith, Karen Hollis, Jimmy Elgas, Reo Cummings, Leah Sexton, and Susie Kirk.

Members absent: Christina Jones, Karen Spradlin, Stacey Howard, Jewelie Mills, Phil McDaniel, Erin Poe, and Belford Williams.

- I. The regular meeting of the Henderson State Staff Senate was held on December 12, 2018 in the Cabe Room. President Reo Cummings called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

- II. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the November 14, 2018 as read. Motion was seconded and approved.

- III. **President's Report**

President Reo Cummings encouraged staff to attend holiday reception at the President's home from 2-4 pm on December 12.

- IV. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Kristopher Dunn reported that no changes were made to the account. Balance remains at \$392.10.

- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Election Committee:**
 - a. Election was held and ran smoothly. Jacob Bland, chair of election committee, shared the list of new senators. Plans to add an updated list of senators to the Staff Senate webpage was discussed.

 - B. **Textbook Scholarship Committee:**
 - a. Chair, Jimmy Elgas reported that December 1 was the Textbook Scholarship application deadline, but no applications were received. The committee will extend the deadline to January 1. Elgas asked

senators to encourage fellow eligible co-workers to apply. After January 1, the committee will meet to choose a winner.

C. Staff Handbook Committee:

- a. Chair, Nikki Laird reported that a colleague from Faculty Senate, Dever Norman, reached out to the committee to provide any support or advocacy that the Staff Handbook committee may need. Laird used this as an opportunity to clear up any questions about the long history and processes that Staff Senate has gone through to get to this point with the handbook.

D. Survey/ Shared Governance:

- a. No report.

E. Staff Emergency Fund Committee:

- a. Reo Cummings shared that, we have received two applications to the Staff Emergency Fund. There were some technical difficulties with receiving the forms. After meeting with Martha Bryant those issues were resolved. The forms have now been directed to Vice President Leah Sexton and Secretary Susie Kirk. The next step will be to reach out to Jennifer Boyett to see if the funds are available for those applicants. Reo encouraged Senators to donate when you can through the link online.

F. Faculty Senate Report

- a. Faculty Senate Representative, Peggy Woodall shared that the Faculty Senate had their regular meeting and went over the handbook. It will be going through HR for some changes. Proposals involving some of the issues that took place in administration in the spring were discussed but did not go through.

VI. New Business

- A. No new business.

VII. Announcements/Comments

- A. President Reo thanked the Senate for all of their hard work this past year. He encouraged the group to continue to move forward and to continue to use their voice and power to enact change on campus.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10: 22 a.m.

The next Staff Senate meeting will be held on January 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cabe Room.