

HSU Staff Senate Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Members present:

Nikki Laird, Lauren Smith, Jordan Bell, Ermatine Jonshon (for Karen Spradlin), Scott Chandler, Shawna McKenzie, Heath Sims, Carrie Stanley, Belford Williams Jr, Jennifer Sigman, Beth Jackson, Christopher Golston, Jewelie Mills, Kelly Stewart, Katie Brown, Kristopher Dunn, Cody Hooten, Mickey Quattlebaum, Leah Sexton, and Susie Kirk

Members absent:

Ricki Rebollar, Reo Cummings, Jacob Mills, Mallory Turner, Stacey Howard, and Phil McDaniel

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Henderson State Staff Senate was held on June 12, 2019 in the Cabe Room. President Leah Sexton called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2019 meeting as read. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Guest Speakers

A. Dr. Gary Bouse

1. Dr. Bouse shared that the foundation has raised over two million dollars in donations to the university this year. This is only the second time in the institution's history that this has happened. Bouse gave an overview of giving over the past five years. The total number of donors for 2018-19 is up 1.5% YTD with a few weeks left in the fiscal year. Bouse stated that his team's initial goal for the year was to surpass last year's numbers, which they quickly surpassed. Their updated goal was to have the highest numbers within the past five years.. They are approaching 1,000 alumni donors for the year. If they reach this goal, it will be the first time in the institution's history. He encouraged alumni and staff senators to donate to the institution to make a real change and help reach a historical goal.
2. There are three methods of donating: payroll deduction, one time donation via check, and online. The deadline to be counted as a donor for this fiscal year is June 13 for bi-weekly staff and June 19 for monthly paid staff. He reminded Senators that their donations can be given to one or more of over 400 areas. He gave the library, scholarships, and athletics as examples.

B. Dr. Nikki Laird

1. Laird shared her report entitled *Transforming Housing at Henderson State University*. This report was presented to the Board of Trustees.
 - a) A housing feasibility group was created and a consulting firm was brought in to help study the future of housing on campus. The firm recommended that "HSU move ahead with a program that includes a mix of renovation and new construction." Laird shared the scenarios that the firm provided for consideration. They ranged in cost from \$28,980,000 - \$75,955,000.

- b) The report also included capacity and occupancy trends. Laird also stated that the seventh and eighth floors of Smith and the eighth floor of Newberry were closed this fall to force density to the lower floors.
- c) The feasibility group visited the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and the University of Central Arkansas in Conway to tour residence halls that are similar in capacity and age to Newberry and Smith. They were particularly inspired by Hotz Hall at the U of A Fayetteville. It was opened one year before Smith Hall. They renovated in 2012.
- d) Based on all the data acquired, they recommended two phases.
 - (1) Phase one would address critical needs in Smith and Newberry, like the Newberry boiler, Smith boiler, and Smith HVAC.
 - (2) Phase two would include moving forward with a request for qualifications for a Public-Private Partnership that would include further renovation to Smith Hall, Newberry Hall renovation or replacement, Greek housing, and additional housing needs.

Laird also shared that the office of Residence Life will be rebranding their department which includes a name change to Henderson Housing and Community Standards with the help of a new team member.

IV. President's Report

- A. President Sexton reported that the Board of Trustees meeting was positive. She shared that tuition is increasing and reminded Senators that HSU had not increased their tuition in years. She reported that library fee is increasing. Sexton shared that those increases are necessary to make positive changes on campus. Housing and Admission gave positive reports.
- B. Committee on Committees met and assigned staff and students to committee positions. They have not been finalized, but once they are official they will inform NEW members via letter or email. The full list will be available on the website, which Sexton will share with Senate.
- C. Employee picnic will be mid-August. Date has not been finalized. Sexton asked that the Senators encourage colleagues to come. Official invitation will be sent via email.

V. Treasurer's Report

- A. The current balance is \$144.58.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Shared Governance Committee
 - 1. No report.
- B. Textbook Scholarship Committee
 - 1. Encourage staff members that are taking classes to apply. Email applications to the chair - Mallory Turner by August 1 for the fall deadline.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Adjournment at 10:45 AM

VIII. Next meeting will be held on August 14, 2019 at 10 AM in the Cabe Room.

