

Minutes
HSU Staff Senate
June 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Henderson State University Staff Senate was called to order at 10:00am in the Wilson room by President Dan Mabery.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Amanda Baker, Yvette Bragg, Martha Bryant, Bettie Buckley, Anna Eudy, Charlie Fetterhoff, Josh Hebig, Penny Kinder, Dan Mabery, David Sesser, Drew Smith, Karen Spradlin, Rhonda Thigpen, Sharon West, Deloris Williams

Members Absent: Stephanie Bailey, Alan Ford, Josie Gordon, Debra Hill, Randy McCauley (p), Beverly Quillin (p), Brenda Scott

Guests: Denise McCoy, proxy for Randy McCauley and Erin Poe, proxy for Beverly Quillin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed. Minutes were approved as corrected on motion by Martha Bryant, seconded by Rhonda Thigpen.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dan Mabery reported that he recently met with Lecia Franklin. She stated that the cafeteria project is still underway and that they will begin staging the construction area very soon. They also discussed the possibility of raises for classified staff. Dan reported that the state is still debating this issue and that these raises would be anywhere from 2 -2 ½ %. Dan said that Henderson is prepared to fund these raises if approved to do so. Other construction/renovations projects going on around the campus include: discussions on the future of the Garrison Center and what it will be used for, sprucing up maintenance facilities and renovations to the residence halls.

Dan reported that he met with Dr. Glendell Jones and that he would like to visit with Staff senate and introduce himself to the staff. Dr. Jones also asked that staff senate work with Human Resources to address the need for a new employee orientation process. Dr. Jones also asked that Staff senate find other projects to make their own, something that would add value to the beginning of the school year.

David Sesser inquired if classified staff would be receiving end of the year bonuses. Dan said that he would address it with Lecia and would email the results of that conversation out to staff senate before the next meeting.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR UPDATE

Dan Mabery asked that we pass along our congratulations to Karen Hollis and Jennifer Holbrook for being nominated as Employee of the Year. Dan said that the committee is now collecting additional information on both nominees from the campus community and will do so until Friday.

Dan also asked for feedback from the Senate on whether the Staff Senate President should be allowed to be nominated for Employee of the Year. Rhonda Thigpen suggested that the senate look into protocol from other universities for senators being nominated for Employee of the Year, before making the

decision to change our current policy. Discussion was held and the senate decided not to change anything at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dan Mabery reminded everyone that the staff handbook committee will hold a kick-off event between now and August 1, 2012.

Dan also reported, on behalf of the membership committee, that Brenda Scott would be retiring from the university and will no longer be able to fill her role on staff senate. There is also a need to fill the position of Annette Summerford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Mabery reported that university police would be cutting bikes off of the bike racks around the residence halls and will be disposing of them appropriately.

Dan also reported that Henderson is seeking leases with Riverwalk apartment complex to provide additional bed space for students requesting to live on campus.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Karen Spradlin, seconded by Martha Bryant the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting of Staff Senate will be held August 8, 2012.