

# HSU Staff Senate Minutes

## Wednesday, August 14, 2019

### Members present:

Jordan Bell, Stacey Howard, Scott Chandler, Carrie Stanley, Phil McDaniel, Beth Jackson, Cory Hooten, Jewelie Mills, Katie Brown, Kelly Stewart, Jacob Mills, Kris Dunn, Belford Williams, Jr., Leah Sexton, and Susie Kirk

### Members absent:

Ricki Rebollar, Reo Cummings, Jennifer Sigman, Heath Sims, Mallory Turner, Lauren Smith, Karen Spradlin, and Mickey Quattlebaum

#### I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Henderson State Staff Senate was held on August 14, 2019 in the Caba 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 June 12, 2019 meeting as read. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### III. President's Report

- A. President Leah Sexton reported that she reached out to Elaine Kneebone's (acting president) office and Marketing to speak at our meeting. Both were unable to make the meeting. Tina Hall from Marketing shared that the plan is that each VP will meet or have already met their division to go over budgets and discuss plans going forward. Sexton speculated that if your area has not had a meeting with their VP that they may be waiting until they have gone through the budgets.

Sexton shared that the budget cuts will be campus-wide. Last week's Board of Trustees meeting was an update on the MOU. One of the main priorities for the Board of Trustees is to hire a new CFO. Sexton explain the hiring and search process. There is a traditional search committee. Sexton assured Senate that was staff representation on the committee. In addition to the committee, Dr. Welch, the Arkansas State system, and the Arkansas State CFO are also recruiting possible candidates and presenting those candidates to the search committee. Afterwards the search committee will then present them to the Board of Trustees and Elaine Kneebone for final approval.

- B. Campus community picnic is Monday, August 19. Faculty and Staff are invited. It will take the place of the usual Staff picnic event that has been hosted by the President in the past..
- C. Sexton checked to see if the funds for Staff Awards were still approved and available. The funds are available. Nominations for staff awards are closed but the selection process is at a standstill due to the Staff Awards committee not being formally approved or notified by the President.

#### IV. Treasurer's Report

- A. Senate Treasurer Kris Dunn met with Lecia Franklin. Dunn reported that the Staff Senate budget is usually set at \$612, but we should expect to see a fifty percent cut. The cut

should take affect by the end of this week. Sexton stated that the biggest bulk of the budget goes to Staff Awards. Dunn shared that at the end of the last fiscal year, we had approximately \$144 left, so he is optimistic that we will stay within budget.

**V. Committee Reports**

A. Textbook Scholarship Committee

1. President Sexton reported in the absence of the committee chair, Mallory Turner. She shared that a scholarship winner was chosen and notified. Turner is in the process of notifying those who have not won. Senator Scott Chandler asked if the \$100 scholarship came out of this year or last year's budget. Sexton confirmed that it comes out of this year's budget.

**VI. Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Adjournment at 10:16 AM

- VII.** Next meeting will be held on September 11 , 2019 at 10 AM in the Cabe Room.