

Staff Senate Minutes
July 21, 2016

Attending: Freddie Akers, Bonnie Alberts, Judy Alford, Christina Brannan, LaTawnya Burleson, Chad Dalton, Lee Ann Ellis, Alex Guest, Linda Hazelwood, Brian Huddleston, Robena Hughes, Robin Lawson, Katrina Loan, Sheree Montgomery, Alex Parrish, Heather Parrish, Tamarah Smith, Amy Splitt, James Venable, Tami Watson, Ken Wieringo, Jenny Gallagher

Excused: Jon Wooge, Rob Jacks, Tracey Drowne, Sue Teel, Velva Groover, Steve Nagle, Dan Cook, Carolyne Dudding, Andy French, Rhonda Hawley, Zerita Montgomery, Dennie Munson, Pris Sears, Lenora Stover, Louellen Sharp

Call to Order

Mr. Parrish called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Call for Standing Committees

Mr. Parrish reminded Senators of the expectation to serve on a standing committee: Policies and Issues, Communications, Elections and Nominations, and McComas Leadership Seminar. September meeting will feature a panel of these committees.

Amendment to Constitution and By-laws

From Policies and Issues Committee: Ms. Tamarah Smith presented first reading of proposed amendments to the Staff Senate constitution and by-laws. These were also sent out electronically before the meeting. The Amendments would clarify language for the dismissal of senators due to unexcused absences. Second reading is scheduled for the September meeting.

Secretary Vacancy

Mr. Parrish presented the vacancy in the office of Staff Senate Secretary, a result of Danette Poole taking a new job. Self-nominations were encouraged, and further details for electronic voting will be sent via e-mail.

Presentation: Scott Geller

Dr. Scott Geller, University Distinguished Professor, presented a program he helped start, "Actively Caring for People." After a brief introduction, Dr. Geller talked about the history of the AC4P program, and asked for the voluntary participation of Senators to bring it to campus.

August meeting

August meeting is cancelled, as this is a time of overload for many staff in anticipation of students returning.

Meeting was adjourned.