

Staff Senate

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April 18, 2019

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

3100 University Gateway Center

MINUTES

Attendees: *Deborah Breon, Angel Carter, Velva Groover, Bruce Harper, Robena Hughes, Doug Hylton, Zerita Montgomery, Brandy Morse, Steve Nagle, Sarah Owen, Tasia Persson, Jennifer Pike, Amber Robinson, Robert Sebek, Sally Shupe, Tamarah Smith, James Venable III, Matthew Barrow, Lisa Dalton, Susan Huff, and Kayla Wheatley*

Zoom Attendee(s): *Judy Alford, Wayne Crotto, Chad Dalton, ,Kimberly Dulaney, Brian Huddleston, Amy Ingram, Katrina Loan, Petie Martin, Dani McNeil, Sheree Montgomery, Hannah Parks, Jonathon Poff, Teresa Smith, Laura Steinberg, Sue Teel, and Sarah Woodward*

Speaker(s): *Robert Sebek, Ryan Wesdock, and Jeri Baker*

Excused: *LaTawnya Burluson, Lee Ann Ellis, MaDonna Overstreet, Kimberly Ridpath, Amanda Villar, and Beverly Williams*

Call to order at 12:00 p.m. by President, Robert Sebek

The agenda was electronically submitted to senators on Friday, April 5, 2019. With no additions, the agenda was approved at the meeting.

Attendance sheet for check-in was available near room entrance.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of March 2019 minutes was done electronically.

Update from the Staff Senate President

Mr. Sebek: Board of Visitors presentation

- 2 opportunities to speak to BOV because they met on campus
- Raise should be applied to part time people as well – discussing it and figuring out how it will work
- Child care – 1 group focused on compensation and the other group never met; working on getting another group together to explore getting more facilities around this area; lots of buy in
- HR exploring back up child care option for sick kids or bad weather – in home care or special facility – subsidized by the University – need available in areas outside Montgomery County
- VTF invested in Rainbow Riders to help expand; need to do this in Giles County as well because of the amount of staff in that area or coming through it from WV

Standing Committee Updates:

Communication: Bruce Harper – Staff Appreciation Day is coming up on 5/22/19 at Owens; come volunteer to sit at the Staff Senate table with Robert and give out some swag

Elections & Nominations: Judy Taylor – elections wrapping up on 4/18/19

Policies & Issues: Judy Alford – No updates

McComas Leadership Seminar: Amy Ingram – great response on feedback; people like the event held in March; if you have suggestions for great motivational speakers please send them to Amy

Resolution for University Divestment from Fossil Fuels: Ryan Wesdock, Graduate Student Assembly

- To get the BOV to urge the Foundation to divest their funds held in Fossil Fuels
- No commitment to any political aspects
- Does not talk about the University's actual energy use
- GSA & SGA have already approved
- Going to Faculty Senate on 4/19/19
- Did they get buy in from people in those areas? Yes
- GSA is happy to make edits to the resolution
- Staff Senate opposed the resolution because they would like to see a line in the resolution about some of the money from divesting should go back to the employees and areas impacted

Parking and Transportation Update: Jeri Baker, Director of Parking and Transportation

- 100% self-supported auxiliary – no money from tuition or fees from the University
- 2 largest expenses – NEC parking garage and Perry Street parking garage
- If they want to build more parking it costs \$25,000 - \$30,000 per space to build a parking garage, which would increase permit prices by \$200 each year
- 2,000 spaces on campus are empty every day in the Duck Pond/Cage lot and Chicken Hill lot. These areas have transit to get around campus more frequently.
- Construction parking impacts
 - Perry Street Lot impacts – losing 350 F/S spaces in the lots
 - Moving those spaces into the garage and students will lose spaces
 - Difference for students parking in Perry Street lot – they must have a special pass which costs more, and the number is regulated by Parking Services
 - Master Plan impacts – may have to build 2 more parking garages to replace Squires parking lot and another near the North End Center
- External parking for vendors/businesses/contractors
 - New way they park on campus with restricted hours & locations
- Game day parking
 - Still enough spots on campus for everyone even on game days
- State Vehicle Parking
 - Cannot do anything to state vehicles
 - Would like to charge or have them park in the Chicken Hill lots for ones that don't get used often or charge more for prime parking
- Long term visitor parking
 - Don't pay anything
 - Would like to get system for visitors to pay to park on campus
 - Changing on July 2019 that they can only park for 2 hours per day on campus
 - Trying to get camps to pay to park on campus

Next meeting: Master Plan Update

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date is May 16, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at UGC 3100

Adjourned 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Brandy Morse

Revised: Katrina Loan