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October 10, 2013
Arkansas Union 507-508

Members Present: Barbara Abercrombie, Brittany Acuff, Stephanie Adams, Jeremy Battjes, Denise Bignar, Stephanie Bukoski-Smith, Kelly Carter, J'onnelle Colbert-Diaz, Lonnie Deavens, Cosmo Denger, Heather England, Stephanie Freedle, Michael Gibbs, Andy Gilbride, Melynda Hart, Jennifer Rae Hartman, Roy Hatcher, Jeremy McAtee, Ryan Miller, Cindy Morley, Chris Nixon, Sarah O'Brien, Eva Owens, Laura Ray, Henry Rowe, Roman Ruiz, Mary Skinner, Sue Donohue Smith, Elon Turner, Trish Watkins

Members Absent: Kabrina Gardner, Autumn Parker, Eric Specking, Vicky Watkins

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Trish Watkins at 9:32am.
- II. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda as presented.
- III. Part-Time Employee Award Presentation – Henry Rowe; Henry recognized the Part-Time Employee Award Winner.
- IV. Roll Call – Roy Hatcher
- V. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting minutes as presented.
- VI. Adopt-A-Class Room Presentation – Elizabeth Smith; Elizabeth spoke to Staff Senate regarding the Adopt-A-Class Room Program.
 1. This program is to determine public school needs and what resources the University of Arkansas have to help.
 2. The Adopt-A-Class program partners with Decatur, Elkins, Farmington, Fayetteville, Gentry, Lincoln, and Springdale public schools. The University will send faculty and staff to offer up to date content knowledge and share information about resources in their field.
 3. Those committed to the program will observe once and then teach a class once a month.
 4. Elizabeth encouraged Staff Senate to notify their constituents of this program to see if anyone is interested in participating.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. EOQ/EOY- Denise Bignar – The nominations for Employee of the first Quarter has been extended to October 18, 2013.
 - B. Legislative – J'ohnelle Colbert-Diaz; The Committee met to discuss the Domestic Care Partner Benefits. The Committee agreed to re-visit the issue only if Staff Senate gives the approval. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to re-visit the issue of having Domestic Care Partner Benefits on campus.
- VIII. Resolution – Trish Watkins; Trish presented to Staff Senate a resolution to the acknowledgment of Staff Senate Support from Chancellor Gearhart, his leadership team and

the University of Arkansas. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to pursue whether Staff Senate will support the resolutions with changes. The voting went as follows: Yes – 15, No-8, Abstain-2. After discussion, another motion was made, seconded, and approved to refer the resolution to the Internal Affairs Committee.

IX. Human Resources Updates – Barbara Abercrombie

1. There will be an Employee Awards Banquet Committee to discuss changes for next year. Human Resources would like for Staff Senate to be involved.
2. Open enrollment is coming up soon. There are no premium changes this year and also new employees hired after January 2014 will have changes in vesting.

X. Around the Senate

1. Sue Donohue Smith will chair the Special Events Committee.
2. ASG Faculty/Staff Liaison – Blake Givings
 - a. The homecoming parade is Friday, October 11, 2013 at 6:00pm.
 - b. Roundup Program-Faculty, staff, and students can buy a meal on campus and can donate the last cents to Full Circle Pantry.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04am

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Davis