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**January 9, 2014**  
**ARKU 308**

**Members Present:** Barbara Abercrombie, Brittany Acuff, Stephanie Adams, Jeremy Battjes, Denise Bignar, Stephanie Bukoski-Smith, J'onnelle Colbert-Diaz, Lonnie Deavens, Stephanie Freedle, Kabrina Gardner, Roy Hatcher, Jeremy McAtee, Cindy Morley, Sarah O'Brien, Eva Owens, Henry Rowe, Roman Ruiz, Eric Specking, Elon Turner, Trish Watkins

**Members Absent:** Kelly Carter, Laura Cochran, Cosmo Denger, Heather England, Michael Gibbs, Andy Gilbride, Melynda Hart, Jennifer Rae Hartman, Ryan Miller, Chris Nixon, Autumn Parker, Mary Skinner, Sue Donohue-Smith, Vicky Watkins

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Trish Watkins at 9:23am.
- II. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda as presented.
- III. Roll Call – Roy Hatcher
- IV. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting minutes with corrections.
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Awards Committee – Henry Rowe; Nominations for the Team Award will be due February 1, 2014. Henry is asking each Senator to get the word out.
  - b. Parking, Transit, & Safety – Jeremy McAtee;
    - o Lot 75 will be gravel parking for faculty/staff.
    - o Athletic dining and new basketball facilities are schedule to break ground and will be completed sometime in the summer 2015.
    - o Gary Smith is putting together a report of the salary caps for parking permits. The report will consist of using the salary cap of \$45,000 and seeing if it is feasible to have all staff members pay the parking fee increase or those staff members making \$45,000 and up pay the parking fee increase.
    - o There will not be remote parking due to lack of funds.
  - c. Scholarship – Eve Owens; The Committee will start accepting applications for Staff Senate Scholarships in May 2014. The Committee will meet this week to discuss marketing strategies. The goal is to receive at least twenty-five scholarship applications.
  - d. EOQ – Denise Bignar; Nominations for Employee of the Quarter are due January 15, 2014.
  - e. Special Events – Trish Watkins; The Employee Picnic will be May 15, 2014.
- VI. Human Resources Updates – Barbara Abercrombie;
  - a. Human Resources will be mailing out the W-2s to current and former employees. Please make sure the mailing addresses are updated in the system.
- VII. Around the Senate
  - a. Roy Hatcher announced the HEAL Program will be discussed at the next Fringe Benefits Committee meeting

- b. Trish Watkins addressed the issue, if staff members were being consulted during the decision making process for school closings at the UA for inclement weather. The people being consulted are in the Weather Emergency Procedure 211.0 under Fayetteville Policy and Procedures.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Davis