Minutes Staff Senate Meeting, April 9, 2015

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Staff Senate

Members Absent: Stephanie Adams, Stephanie Bukoski-Smith, J’onnelle Colbert-Diaz, Nicole Green, Hershel Hartford, Jeremy McAtee, Mary Skinner

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Trish Watkins at 9:31am.
II. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda with modifications.
III. Human Resources Updates – Barbara Abercrombie; Dr. Abercrombie gave the Staff Senate updates on the UA System Health Plan.
IV. Graduate Student Congress – Shannon McCarthy; Shannon outlined the structure, purpose, and activities of the Graduate Student Congress.
V. Roll Call – Roy Hatcher
VI. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the meeting minutes as presented.
VII. Committee Reports
   a. Elections – Stephanie Freedle; Nominations closed on April 8, 2015. The elections will began on April 17th. Stephanie opened nominations for Staff Senate officers. The positions are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The following Senators were nominated: Trish Watkins for Chair, Eva Owens and Eric Specking for Vice-Chair, Teresa Waddell for Secretary, and Donna Carter for Treasurer.
   b. Employees of the Quarter – Denise Bignar; Employee of the Quarter nominations are open until April 15, 2015.
   c. Finance – Eric Specking; Eric gave the financial report to Staff Senate.
   d. Legislative – Trish Watkins; Trish gave an update on the bills in Little Rock that could affect the University.
   e. Special Events – Brittney Acuff; Brittney distributed a sign-up sheet to volunteer at the picnic.
   f. Scholarship – Elon Turner; The committee will start accepting applications from May 1st through June 5th.
VIII. Around the Senate
   a. Trish Watkins – The search committee is looking at internal candidates for the Associate Vice-Chancellor for Business Affairs position.
   b. Teresa Waddell - The Chief Information Officer Search Committee is inviting candidates to come to campus in May for presentation. The presentations are open and staff senators are encouraged to attend these presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:09am
Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Davis