Minutes Staff Senate Meeting, March 12, 2020

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Staff Senate
I. The meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM

II. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the agenda

III. Roll Call – Elon Turner

IV. Campus Updates
   a. Human Resources Updates – Debbie McLoud
      i. COVID-19 updates
         1. Business as usual while following CDC and ADH directives
         2. Classes may be moved to online
         3. Working from home options may be available for employees – this decision is up to deans, department heads, and supervisors
         4. Governor Hutchinson has banned state-sponsored out of state and international travel for 60 days
         5. Updates will be continuous – check email, Newswire, and https://health.uark.edu/coronavirus/
      ii. Chancellor Steinmetz’s 10th action item is in process
         1. “We simply must be a more flexible, nimble, quicker and agile University to be competitive with our peer institutions. We can accomplish this by refining a variety of university processes to become more nimble and responsive to the needs of our campus community and of the world around us.”
         2. Staff salary focus: $30,000/year minimum for all 100% appointed employees on the Fayetteville campus
         3. More information can be found at https://chancellor.uark.edu/focus-on-the-future/index.php
      iii. Workday updates
         1. Testing is on-going
         2. Still on schedule to go live July 1, 2020
   b. Parking and Transit Updates – Gary Smith
      i. COVID-19 transit concerns
         1. Buses are already sterilized nightly
         2. Transit may run reduced lines
         3. More information will be provided as it becomes available
      ii. Pre-tax options for parking pass purchases will be reinstated
      iii. Vehicle registration will no longer be online
         1. Parking passes will be sent via US mail instead of pick-up
         2. Paper-only registration for new vehicles
            i. Current vehicles already registered online do not need to be re-registered
         3. Check Newswire in May for the announcement
iv. Parking pass cost to increase by 5% for FY21

V. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve Staff Senate February meeting minutes

VI. Committee Reports
   a. Communication – Roy Cordell
      i. There is a live webpage for COVID-19 updates:
         https://health.uark.edu/coronavirus/index.php
      ii. Resources for continuing education and educational benefits for employees
         provided by the University can now be found on the Staff Senate website:
         https://staffsenate.uark.edu/advancing/untitled.php
   b. Election – Colleen Whitman
      i. Senators can check their re-election status on the Staff Senate website
   c. EOQ/EOY – Travis Hefley
      i. The Employee of the Third Quarter nominations are opening soon
         1. Check Newswire for more information
   d. Scholarship – EmmaLe Davis
      i. All in for Arkansas deadline is 03/11/2020 for ambassadors for social media
         1. April 1-22 online event, possible luncheon depending on ADH guidelines
            and guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic

VII. Old Business – Update on Division of Agri Staff Senate Eligibility in FY20-21 – Trish Watkins
   a. Division of Agriculture will no longer be considered part of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville campus
      i. Staff Senate will no longer host seats nor elect senators for the Division of Agriculture

VIII. Chair’s Report – Trish Watkins
   a. There will be a subcommittee meeting on 03/13/2020 to discuss the staff appreciation picnic amidst the COVID-19 outbreak
   b. Walmart will be holding a meeting to discuss the shareholder’s meeting on 04/10/2020

IX. Around the Senate – Stephen Ritterbush
   a. Motion to make all Staff Senate meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic run online
      through a virtual meeting on the Teams platform in order to combat the spread of the virus and to model best practices for minimizing risk
      1. A discussion on possible pros and cons of setting up Teams meetings for Staff Senate
      2. Committee Chairs will decide if their committee will meet in person or online
      3. Stephen Ritterbush is providing training on Teams for anyone that needs it
         i. Please respond to the post in Teams regarding training
      4. An amendment to the motion, proposed by Elon Turner, was seconded and passed, which requires the Senate to conduct a vote to rescind the online meeting requirement
b. The motion for monthly Staff Senate meetings online was seconded, and a vote for this motion was performed
   1. The motion was passed: Staff Senate meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic have been moved online using Teams

X. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 10:27 AM

Senators in Attendance

Raymond Anders
Ben Pollock
Denise Bignar
Erin Butler
Collin Reed Caley
Roy Cordell
EmmaLe Davis
Katie Doughty
Danielle Dunn
Matthew Fey
Rachel Gray
Cecilia Grossberger-Medina
Derrick Hartberger
Daniela Kidd
Madelyn Jones
Matthew Meyers
Cedar Middleton
Devyn Moore
Autumn Parker
Theresa Parrish
Michael Rau
Stephen Ritterbush
Elon Turner
Jeremy McAtee
Quincy Ward
Trish Watkins
Kelly Westeen
Colleen Whitman
Jessica Kivett
Cindy Ryan
Debbie McLoud
Katherine Roland

Senators not in Attendance

Michela Cupello
Trisha DuCote
Clayton Hamilton
Travis Hefley
Joe Loy
Cindy Morley
Allen Porter