

Staff Senate Minutes

December 2, 2022

- I. Welcome
 - a. Ashleigh Eickhoff called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
 - b. Members present: Ashleigh Eickhoff, Dana Stovall, Rachel Crook, Cathy Moore, Okema Hale, Vicky Jones, Amanda Downing, Angela Mandl, Jon Robertson, Angela Seidl, Eulanda Cade, Megan Lempke, Samantha Jensen, Katherine Martin, Jessica Hopper, Bekka Rinne, Peggy Groff, Susanne Williams, Mary Barrett, Carrie Mae Bradrick, Amy Oestmann, Barb Jones, Becky Leininger, Laura Mather, David Dowdy, Emily Volker, Brenda Lutz, Phillip Hensarling, Stephanie Holmes, Nathan Rice
 - c. Student Senate Representative: Phillip Hensarling

- II. Modifications to the Agenda
 - a. No modifications to the agenda. Volker made a motion to approve the agenda; Mandl seconded. Motion carried.

- III. Approval of Proposed Minutes
 - a. No modifications to the November 2022 minutes. J. Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes; Hale seconded. Motion carried.

- IV. New Member Introductions
 - a. Megan Lempka – Director of Business Services, One Stop
 - b. Becky Leininger – Project Coordinator, Student Records

- V. Guest Speaker
 - a. None

- VI. Elected Officers/Area Representatives/Department Update
 - a. Volker announced Graduate Programs has two new MSOM focus areas starting Fall 2023. They include Healthcare Administration and Strategic Leadership and Communication.
 - b. Eickhoff reported Amanda Cole's last day is today. Admissions also has a Counselor position open. If anyone knows of students graduating in December or May, Admissions will be flexible with the student's schedule to start prior to graduation and transition for full-time after graduation.
 - c. Area Representatives
 - i. AVPSA - Amy Oestmann
 - ii. President - Brenda Lutz
 - iii. VPAA - Katherine Martin

- iv. VPAF - Kira Vredenburg
- v. VPEM - David Dowdy
- d. Crook announced the School of Education is hosting BrainQuest today, approximately 375 students on campus.

VII. Committee Updates

- a. Campus & Community Engagement
 - i. Groff handed out flyers for the faculty and staff holiday party December 6th (in Library). She also passed around the sheet to make something or volunteer to help with the event.
 - ii. Lunch & Learn – President Evans and First Lady Joanna presented their trip to Tanzania.
- b. Casual Day –Volker reported that donation items for Cold gear for PSC Students came to a total of 56 items. In December, we will be collecting food items for SENCA. Groff added SENCA needs cleaning and household items as well. Bradrick added Residence Life collected approximately 10 coats if you know of any students that need one.

VIII. Student Senate Update

- a. Hensarling reported they added four new senators. They have one more meeting this semester including a potluck.

IX. Old Business

- a. None

X. New Business

- a. Staff Senate officers met with President Evans in November. He discussed Project ROAR. He reported if the total amount of funds needed is not met, they will move forward with the project in phases. He reminded us of the inclement weather policy; staff will be notified by 5:30 a.m. There are three options: classes canceled but offices open, campus closed, or late start. He added applications for 2023 are up significantly thanks to Dr. Dorman, Kelcie Keeling, and the Admissions Team.
- b. Professional Development – Eickhoff reminded staff of funds available. \$250 per semester; staff may not receive more than \$500 total. Conferences, classes, trainings/certifications. \$5,000 is reserved for staff professional development and \$2,000 for a speaker.

XI. Correspondence

- a. New Hires
 - i. Robert Dean – Security
 - ii. Rhonda Borrego – Custodian
 - iii. Becky Leininger – Student Records
 - iv. Megan Lempka – Director of Business Services
- b. Farewell
 - i. Amanda Cole, Office Assistant IV - Admissions
- c. New correspondence needed
 - i. Kyle Pond, Associate Athletic Director, welcomed a baby girl (Mayve)
 - ii. H.T. Kinney, Football Offensive Coordinator, submitted his resignation
 - iii. Kevin Sanders, Assistant Director – Residence Life, submitted his resignation

XII. Announcements/Open Forum

- a. V. Jones would like Staff Senate members to consider Emeritus status for staff. Volunteers would need to look at current policy and submit a proposal to President's Council. Jones explained the President can ask that person to represent the college and still be involved with campus the same as a staff member. It would recognize their long commitment to the college. Eickhoff read our current Emeritus status policy for faculty. Jones made a motion to form an ad hoc committee to explore a staff Emeritus status. Lutz seconded the motion. Motion carried. V. Jones will chair the committee. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jones.
- b. Lutz reported upcoming athletic events.
 - i. She encouraged staff to attend the athletic games in January while students are still on break.
 - ii. Alumni Chili Feed will be on January 28th, tip off is 2 p.m., chili is available at 2:30 p.m. In addition, Admissions will host tours and tailgates.
 - iii. Football team is hosting PowerLift Competition on January 14th. They've had over 500 participants in the past.
 - iv. Softball scoreboard has been fully installed. A new football scoreboard has been purchased and project will be started in the spring.
 - v. CASA is still collecting caps. The goal is 250 lbs to melt down into a bench to promote recycling. She believes they currently have 70 lbs. Multiple plastic lid types can be collected (sour cream, cool whip, pringles, soda, water bottle, medicine, hairspray, etc.). They had a wash and weigh party; they got through 35 lbs of caps/lids in two hours. She asked members to please wash them before donating.
 - vi. The bowling team is having a fundraiser tonight (December 2) at Nebraska City Pizza Hut; team will receive 15% of sales.
- c. B. Jones announced Sebastian Boelhower's senior recital is Saturday, December 3, at 2pm in the PAC.

- d. Eickhoff reported she attended *Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom* performed by the Peru Theatre Company. She encouraged others to attend any of the final three performances located in Jindra Black Box Theatre. Over 20 students are involved in the performance.
- e. Eickhoff reminded everyone of the staff holiday party on December 6 in the library, faculty/staff Christmas Open House at the President's House on December 8 (2-4pm) followed by the Christmas Concert (6pm).

XIII. Eickhoff adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m. The next Staff Senate meeting will be on Friday, January 6, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., located in the CATS Conference Room.