

Staff Senate Minutes

October 7, 2022

- I. Welcome
 - a. Ashleigh Eickhoff called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.
 - b. Members present: Susan Abrahams, Mary Barrett, David Dowdy, Amanda Downing, Austin Egger, Ashleigh Eickhoff, Laura Lea Fossenbarger, Peggy Groff, Okema Hale, Philip Hensarling, Skye Hicks, Jessica Hopper, Samantha Jensen, Kelcie Keeling, Brenda Lutz, Katherine Martin, Linda Monahan, Bekka Rinne, Jon Robertson, Dana Stovall, Brenda Trail, Emily Volker

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

- III. Approval of Proposed Minutes
 - a. No modifications to the September 2022 minutes. Linda Monahan made a motion to approve the minutes; Brenda Trail seconded. Motion carried.

- IV. New Member Introductions
 - a. None

- V. Guest Speaker
 - a. None – We are hoping to have Paul Trana next time.

- VI. Elected Officers/Area Representatives/Department Update
 - a. Admissions announced we will have the Tour and Tailgate event at the November 12 football game.
 - b. Peru Giving Days are October 19 and 20.

- VII. Committee Updates
 - a. Campus & Community Engagement – The committee had their first meeting. They provided a handout and went over the following highlights:
 - i. For the College's 155th Birthday Project on Thursday, October 20, they are planning to have a table in the Student Center that will give away cookies. They asked for donations of individually wrapped homemade cookies as well as volunteers to sit at the table. Volunteers should contact Peggy Groff.
 - ii. The committee plans to continue offering Lunch and Learn sessions. They are planning one for the end of October, a Power of Positivity speech, as well as

one from Dr. and Mrs. Evans on Thursday, December 1, about their time in Tanzania.

- iii. They plan to collaborate with the Peru Daycare for a Halloween project.
- iv. They are considering a Christmas goody exchange for all employees, both faculty and staff, possibly on December 15 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
- v. They are also still discussing the funds that were collected from the shoe drive previously and exploring ideas and costs for donating a bench to the College.
- b. Casual Day – Volker reported 46 bags/3,530 pieces of candy were collected for the Staff Senate float for Peru’s Homecoming. There is plenty of candy left over; they may donate it to daycare. The float was successful; Bob the Bobcat was riding a blow-up horse and the kids enjoyed it. This month, we are collecting items for the Peru Daycare.
- c. Homecoming – see update above

VIII. Student Senate Update

- a. Phillip Hensarling, Student Senate President, attended the meeting.
- b. Eickhoff and Hensarling reported that they debriefed from Homecoming. Peru is hosting a Leadership Conference on November 4-6 for the Student Senates of all three state colleges and they are prepping for that.
- c. The Sundaes with Senators social happened on October 6 and it was successful. It allowed students to meet their senators in the Student Center.

IX. Old Business

- a. Area Rep nominations and elections
 - i. There are currently no nominations from Dr. Dorman’s area – Financial Aid and Admissions
- b. Past Fundraising money – see Campus & Community Engagement committee update above
- c. Homecoming 2022 – it was successful
- d. Migration to Teams from O Drive – Eickhoff is still working on this.

X. New Business

- a. Boo Bash/Trunk or Treat in Peru and on campus is going to be held October 30th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Are any organizations interested in participating? Staff Senate likely won’t contribute as a group because most members are helping with other clubs and groups.

XI. Correspondence

- a. New Hires
 - i. Justin Marshall – Assistant Coach JV Volleyball
 - ii. Dr. Stacy Bliss – Assistant Professor of Psychology

- iii. Sean Befus – Custodian
- iv. Carrie Mae Bradrick – Director of Student Activities
- v. Anna Mattingly – OA II Facility Services
- vi. Toni Closner – Softball Coach
- vii. Brooks Ivey – Assistant Coach JV Softball
- viii. Paige Carlson – Custodian
- ix. Samantha Hurd - Custodian
- b. Leaving/Thank you for your service
 - i. April Ascheman
- c. Thinking of You/Condolences
 - i. Amy Mincer

XII. Announcements/Open Forum

- a. College's birthday celebration – A student group Groff works with is making buttons; the money they raise will go to Bobcat SOS, a fund for students in emergency situations.
- b. The Career Fair is on October 20. Please encourage students to attend if they are interested in an internship or job for next summer. Students can go to the Professional Dress Clothes Closet although it needs to be organized and cleaned out.
- c. Mental Health Awareness Month – On October 19, CATS will have a stand out front to give out donuts and a cup to encourage students not to neglect their mental health and to celebrate finishing out the second half of the semester. Monahan is also looking into having a therapy dog present.
- d. Athletics – Brenda Lutz announced that they have installed new Huddle cameras in the AWAC and the Oak Bowl; these are auto zoom in/out movement cameras. They have been utilizing the cameras for practices and then Huddle breaks down the video for the coaches. They are still working on getting sound attached to the film. Additional athletic updates include:
 - i. Bowling had its first tournament last weekend. Men finished 17th out of 49 at a Tier I tournament. Women finished 27th.
 - ii. Baseball has a fall game on Sunday, October 9. Softball has participated in a couple of fall tournaments and have one left.
 - iii. Women's Basketball – The first game will be on October 28; it will be a home game and they are considering doing a Halloween theme
 - iv. Men's Basketball – Their first home game will be on October 29.
 - v. Hall of Fame football game will be on October 22. The banquet will be on October 21. There will be 2 more home games after that.
 - vi. There is a Cheer Clinic and Senior Day for the November football game.
 - vii. A Youth Cheer Camp will be held on October 29.

viii. Project ROAR is moving along. We have raised over \$750,000 and started picking out paint, carpet, and tile. People around the community are looking forward to it as well. Employees can donate by having money taken directly out of their paycheck and given to the Foundation; there's a form online to fill out and submit to the Foundation if you would like to do so. You can specify what your donation goes towards. Staff Senate offers a scholarship through the Foundation; your donations can go towards that as well.

ix. PASA is moving forward with collecting caps and plastic lids. They voted on what bench they want to donate and it's the largest. PASA will need 250 pounds of lids.

x. The coaches are fully staffed.

e. Laura Lea Fossenbarger asked about whether she can donate her time to cut hair for students. Ideas were discussed about possibly offering a styling session for students before the Career Fair.

f. Do we want to send weekly recap for Senate info? Email with bullets for events coming up that we need volunteers for.

XIII. Eickhoff adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m. The next Staff Senate meeting will be on Friday, November 4, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., located in the CATS Conference Room.