



Staff Senate Meeting Minutes - October 18, 2017

Attendance

- Present: Louann Casares, Susan Hays, Andrew Holbert, Rip Horsey, Heather Mercer, Savanna Mullan, Jesse Poole, Kimber Townsend (arrived after approval of the minutes), Dona Vasas, Kara Westervelt-Parker
- Absent: Kyler Dryer, Weiwei Zhang
- Guest: JD Welch (Proxy), Lilaah Jones (Student Senate President)

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 2:04pm

Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes from the October 4, meeting were reviewed, amended, and with a motion moved by Dona and second by Rip it carried, 9-0-1.

Approval of Agenda

- The minutes were amended to move add NEO Lunch as an agenda item. A motion moved by Heather and seconded by JD carried 11-0-0.

Reports

- Shared Communications Report – The agenda was light, Adele shared about the progress of the GenEd Task Force. Discussion was had on the Dreamer March that will take place on Sunday.
- Faculty Senate Report – Kara reported that they discussed a new minor in Public History for the Social Science department. Dave McDonald presented information about a strategic Enrollment Management System. A committee has been created. It was shared that Geography is now Geography & Sustainability, and will now include a sustainability major.
- Student Senate Report – Lila reported they have been getting new members on board and reviewing parliamentary procedure. They have been discussing ALA mission statement, and goals. She invited us to attend their next meeting, 7pm in Ackerman 139 10/19/2017.
- Board of Trustees Report – Nothing to report, next meeting Oct. 25th

Old Business

- Internal Communication Reform – Kara presented a draft memo for review, including adding a list to highlight some specific failures in communication. Developing a timeline for going forward was discussed.
- LaMont Jarvis – Only a few people responded to provide stories etc. We will do another push. Jesse will send it out a reminder.

New Business

- Board of Trustees Nominations (due mid-January 2018) – Jesse announced that the BOT is going to be looking to staff senate once again to assist with the nomination of the staff position for the board.
- Winter closure leave for <6 month probation staff – Jesse brought up a concern with how HR handles the campus closure for unclassified employees in their 6 month probation period.
- NEO Lunch – Heather presented a concern that HR doesn't provide lunch for NEO. As the concern was presented to her it was asked if Staff Senate had the funding or interest in providing lunch. Staff Senate doesn't have the funding to do this, however it was suggested that HR reach out to the foundation to see what options might be available.

Announcements

- There was a reminder to be sure to participate in the Earth Quake Drill happening tomorrow, 10/19/2017.
- There was an announcement made about a recent event in relation to food service policies. Perhaps this could be an addenda item and we could draft a letter of support.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 2:59pm