

Staff Senate Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.
Zoom

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Routine Business
 - a. Meeting Minutes
 - b. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Guest Speaker – Dr. Lonnie Williams
- V. Announcements and Reminders
 - a. Committee Updates

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- I. Call to Order – Alyssa Wells, President at 2:00 p.m.

- II. Roll Call: Himaja Balakrishnan, Sandra Bramblett, Robby Davenport, David Engelken, Pat Glascock, Pam Graham, Whitley Green, Leigh Anne Hall, Deanna Harris, Kevin Hennings, Sherry Hufstedler, Melissa Jackson, Christina Kostick, Kelli Listenbee, Lana Martin, Tiffany Mosley, Cathy Naylor, Hope Phillips, Madeline Ragland, Cheryl Richey, Beth Robison, Kelly Sabin, Jennifer Salo, Jim Teague, Natalie Turney, Blake Walker, Alyssa, Wells, Rebecca Oliver

- III. Guest Speaker: Dr. Alan Utter, Provost
 - Initiated a taskforce for program viability, which spent one year defining metrics used to assess programs, then began data collection. The programs were assessed in ten different metrics, such as how many students are enrolled, the cost of the program, etc.
 - This year, the program viability committees are looking at the data. The first committee, comprised of faculty from the program, made one of four recommendations: grow the program, maintain where the program is, transform the program, or suspend the program. This committee submitted recommendations to Deans, and Deans submitted their recommendations back to the taskforce on November 17.
 - The taskforce will have until February 4, 2022 to submit their recommendations to the Provost. The provost will then present these recommendations to the Chancellor, and the Chancellor will take the recommendations to the Board of Trustees.
 - Taskforce II – Holistic Admissions Policy. Standardized tests are now optional for admission to A-State. If students opt out of testing, they may be admitted if they meet one of the following criteria: An ACT score of 19, the student is in the top 20% of their graduating class, or a 3.0 GPA.
 - Discussions are underway about starting a veterinarian school on campus. If all goes as planned, A-State could be admitting its first class of veterinarian students in Fall 2025.
 - A-State continues to promote research on campus. The university was recently moved to be an R2-level institution. To maintain this R2 level, A-State is required to graduate a certain number of doctoral students, as

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well continue to bring in external funding. In July 2021, A-State hit a record high of external funding.

- Another taskforce was charged to look at A-State's general education curriculum. General education has been focused on taking so many classes in a certain discipline; the taskforce is looking at moving towards a more thematic general education curriculum. The taskforce is now building out these themes and choosing classes to fit those themes. If anyone has input about these themes, or suggestions about what courses could be taught, reach out to the GEC taskforce or a member of the GEC.
- New Academic Affairs and Research Leadership: Aiming to have the new AVC for Assessment and Accreditation started by the first day of classes for Spring 2022. The search for the AVC for Faculty Affairs is ongoing and applications are still being accepted.

IV. Routine Business:

- a. Meeting Minutes: Blake Walker motioned to approve the October 20 minutes. Kelli Listenbee seconded. All approve.
- b. Treasurer's Report – Deanna Harris

V. Old Business

a. Committee Updates

- Staff Profile Subcommittee: The "PROPS" (Proudly Recognizing Our Pack Staff) information and form will go live on November 18. This will be advertised in the Daily Digest, and will consist of a form requesting that staff, faculty, and students submit nominations. This committee plans to submit its terms of service to Staff Senate soon.
- Philanthropy Committee: Update on t-shirt fundraiser; hoping to get that started soon. Funds from this will go to Santa's Wolves.
- The Staff Senate stipend has been finalized and should be published on the webpage in the next couple of days. Staff will receive an email when this goes live, and will be run in the Daily Digest, as well.
- Access and Accommodations Committee: Blake Walker presented to the committee what had been drafted by legal for comfort/support animals and service animals on campus. This is being presented to Faculty Senate soon.

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VI. New Business

- a. SGOC Emeritus Proposal
 - Lays out the process and privileges associated with emeritus status
 - Kelli Listenbee moves to approve accepting the SGOC Emeritus Proposal. Kelly Sabin seconds. All are in favor.

VII. Announcements and Reminders

- The Catastrophic Leave Bank is still open until December 7, 2021. As a reminder, the cap for vacation is 240 hours, and 960 sick hours.
- Printing and Copying Services Update: The committee reconvened to discuss after each vendor presentation and submitted feedback. Procurement has asked for a cost sheet from Cannon and Konica Minolta and the decision will likely come down to cost between the two.
- Next meeting: December 15, 2021.

Pat Glascock motioned to adjourn, and Blake Walker seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.



**Staff Senate Treasurer's Report
November 30, 2021**

<u>University E & G Accounts</u>		<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Debit/ Credit</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Staff Senate 110000-120008-1630	Beginning Balance FY22	\$1,890.87		<u>\$1,890.87</u>
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Santa's Wolves Agency Account 930002-390000-5000	Balance Forward	\$ 1,240.27		
	Walmart 11/19		(504.94)	
				<u>\$735.33</u>
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ASU Foundation Accounts				
Santa's Wolves 200067	Balance Forward	\$24,675.16		
	November Contributions (Payroll)		436.65	
	LBC Takedown		750.00	
				<u>\$25,861.81</u>
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Staff Senate Discretionary 200069	Balance Forward	\$23,880.72		
	PayPal Deposit		400.00	
				<u>\$24,280.72</u>
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Staff Senate Education Assistance 230139	Balance Forward	\$774.67		
	November Contributions		54.14	
				<u>\$828.81</u>
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