



Meeting Minutes

Staff Senate

08-November-2021 2:30pm - 3:30pm

I. Call to Order

President Fulkerson called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom on Monday, 08-November-2021.

II. Roll Call – via Zoom Reporting

Members present: Abdelnour, Yaritza Bays, Gwen; Canter, Vanessa; Caughran, Patricia; Darden, Margaret; Drew, Chasity; Early, OJ; Finney, David; Fulkerson, Joy; Gosey, Annette; Greene, Cody; Higgins, Shelly; Hooven, Suzy; Horne, Kathi; Johnson, Anthony; King, Kimberlyn; Lowe, Trish; Ly-Worley, Barbi;; Massey, Candy; Maupin, Crystal; Mayberry, Jennifer; McCarty, Don; Moore, Skylar; Murphy, Stefanie; Rainbolt, April; Roberson, Veronica; Robinson, David; Robinson, Hazel; Sawyers, Amanda; Street, Tory; Thompson-Joseph, Liz; Tucker, Marc; Webb, Cathy; Williams, Alison

Members absent with permission: Edwards, David; Mann, Ronald; Thompson, Brian

Members absent: Fletcher, Erica; Pritchett, Chanc; Scalf, Christie;

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

President Fulkerson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

Motion: Tory Street to approve

Second: Kathi Horne

Discussion: none

Pass/Fail: All members present and eligible voted in favor. The motion **passed**. Abstentions: none

IV. Treasurer's Report - David Finney

- 1. Accounts balances
 - a. Main Account \$11,451.72
 - b. Holiday Drive \$2,757.58
 - c. Community Benevolence Committee \$2,281.25

V. Guest-Kari Albarado, Campus Recreation

- 1. Student wellness services is expanding to the CPA
 - i. Dedicated facility space on the first floor of the CPA; dedicated professional staff member





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- ii. This person will be the collaborator/coordinator to increase peer mentorship programs and introduce wellness coaching to the student body
 - 1. Wellness coaching helps fill the gap we have at ETSU for students that need assistance and support that is not necessarily mental health; students would be referred to the Counseling Center if needed
 - 2. Wellness coaching is more focused on a holistic approach to address things like setting goals, sleep patterns, nutrition, physical activity, how a student can get acclimated to campus, or trouble with social interactions, etc.
- iii. Campus Recreation is open to collaboration and partnerships as it regards student wellness

VI. Vice President's Report - Anthony Johnson

- 1. University Council update:
 - i. SGA was appreciative with all the participation with Homecoming
 - Dr. Hoff updates on Committee on 125 Ch.2—doing more discussions; reevaluating peer groups to better ensure we are moving in the right direction; a survey will be going out about Thanksgiving to students related to COVID-19 and their intentions to reenroll for the next term; will share the data once we receive it
 - iii. New Programs—Masters of Music and Masters of Science in Applied Data Science
 - iv. Series of policies form Human Resources were presented to University Council—no substancial changes; rewrites to make them ETSU policies and not TBR policies
 - 1. Flex and holiday—no substantial changes
 - 2. Holiday leave—requirement that holiday schedule be published at least 2 years in advance
 - v. Mark Jee—lab closeout policies—environmental health and safety helps with disposal of hazardous waste; however, departments might be charged the disposal fee for substantial amounts of accumulated of waste
 - vi. Contractors on campus—guidelines on what contracts are bound by and how they are overseen while on campus
 - vii. Open House will be on Saturday
 - viii. Equity and Diversity—climate survey date is on the equity and diversity website; will send the information to Chasity to send out





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- ix. Dr. King—University has signed an agreement with that will help with internet in Housing for students; it will be a streamed service for students; some departments will have access to the information as well
- x. ITS has launched a status portal that shows a lot of the major resources and systems on campus and whether or not they are up or down or if maintenance is working on the problem
 - 1. Service Status-- https://status.etsu.edu/
- xi. Food Drive goes through this week
- xii. Bucky's is doing a coat drive
- xiii. Salvation Army Angel Tree is up in the Culp Center by Starbucks—drop off at the Carrier Center and Salvation Army will pick up

VII. President's Report – Joy Fulkerson

- 1. Biden Executive Order
 - i. Dr. Noland, the Board, other administrators want to be sure that we are showing good faith effort in adherence to the executive order
 - ii. ETSU receives about \$40 million in federal funding
 - 1. 54 individuals that work on the VA campus that are contractors that were sent an email about vaccination requirements, proof of vaccination or apply for an exemption
 - iii. Governor to sign a piece of legislation from the state
 - 1. Expect it will include an opportunity for institutions to sign a waiver so we do not change too much of our practice
 - 2. The waiver would mean ETSU would not lose the federal funding as it would allow us to continue to be in compliance with the federal executive order
- 2. Student Governance
 - i. This group is busy and active
 - ii. They are working with President Noland about concerns regarding student absences
 - iii. They are preparing to introduce some legislation around alcohol at athletics events—the approval process is long
 - 1. The city did approve alcohol sales at Freedom Hall and they served alcohol for the first time this week.
 - iv. Working on a big concert for Green Stadium at the end of April—artist has not been announced at this time.
- 3. Faculty Senate
 - i. Working on some intellectual property issues



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- ii. Introduced some legislation related to air quality checks
- 4. University Governance-
 - https://www.etsu.edu/universitygovernance/governanceorg.php
 - i. Subcouncil on university governance bodies—will help with communication and what is happening on campus
- 5. Holiday drive reminder—volunteer sign up will go out regarding picking up and delivering to Central Receiving, packing boxes, etc.
- 6. Staff concerns—remote work has not seen any movement on telecommuting policy due to the executive order and the state legislation pieces are the priority
 - i. Family leave—faculty senate passed a resolution in support for family leave; appears there is administration support, however, it has been sidelined by COVID; need to really think through the budget implications in order to determine exactly how much leave would be granted because it is a cost as someone would need to the job of the person on leave
- 7. SoCon staff award—send nominations to Susan Epps; Cany Massey sent a nomination
- 8. Volunteers—an email will be sent out for volunteers for the holiday drive

VIII. Committee Reports

Standing Committees

• No reports at this time

Project Committees

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

• The next Staff Senate meeting will be 08-November with location to be announced.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.