

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

STAFF SENATE MEETING

J.C. Jones Board Room, 2nd Floor, Charles Chesnutt Library

Thursday, October 18, 2018

2:00 p.m.

The FSU Staff Senate convened on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the J.C. Jones Board Room, in the Charles Chesnutt Library. President Velappan Velappan called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The following Senators were in attendance: Velappan Velappan, Arnescia Moody, Patricia Flanigan, Shenetta Dudley, Briana Murrell, Suzetta Perkins, Gloria Mills, Linda Saunders, Cindia Weatherwax, Keith Townsend, William Summers, Tammiika Frowner, Nicole Young, Dwane Hodges, Lee Howell, Jr., Winette Vann, and Natasha Walker.

DR. YOUNG'S REPORT

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jon Young, stated that the Minority Serving Institution Summit would be this coming Tuesday at 8. President Spellings will host.

Upcoming will be a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the SACS Reaffirmation Kick-Off. SACS visit will be held in 2021 with final report due, Spring 2022.

Dr. Young stated that the results of the Employee Engagement Survey will be used to guide improvements throughout the System.

MR. MELVIN LEWIS

Mr. Melvin Lewis, Director of Emergency Management, provided updates in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. Several universities were hit hard to include UNC Pembroke, who suffered severe flooding, as well as UNC Wilmington. He stressed the importance of having a good disaster plan, escape plan, and good communication. He praised all mandatory workers for their time and assistance giving during the hurricane.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Velappan provided an update from UNC Staff Assembly Quarterly meeting. A few highlights from the meeting centered on The Employment Engagement Survey of which FSU had 60% participation; the IT Exemption Election Timeline (SHRA exempt to EHRA to happen in the 2018-10 academic year); SHRA/EHRA salary increase – 2%;

and congratulations to Ms. Carlitta Moore on her appointment as new Chair-Elect on the Staff Assembly.

Other items discussed were new Senate t-shirts. President Velappan asked that anyone with ideas to bring a sample to the next meeting. The president also asked members to sign up committee chair for the various committees. Tammika Frowner provided a projected proposal Hospitality expenses for the coming year. If anyone wishes to apply for the UNC Staff Assembly Staff Scholarship, the deadline is October 31st. Last, the Staff Senate Grant will be awarded during the holiday party in December. A grant of \$250.00 will be given.

Upcoming Staff Senate events include the Poinsettia Fundraising Event. It will be held during the months of November and December. Senators Michelle Saunders and Arnescia Moody are the contacts. For those wishing participating in the Homeless & Hunger Stand Down on November 16, 2018, please contact Senator Cassandra Jenkins. Once again, Senator Gloria Mills will be gearing up for the FSU Backpack Lunch Buddies Food Drive that is slated for February 1 – 28, 2019.

The Murder Mystery Dinner fundraising event has been set for February 16, 2019. It will be a sit-down dinner. Senator Patricia Flanagan and team are the contacts. Senator Flanagan provided projected costs for the dinner. Several motions were given for acceptance of the flyer for the event. Senator Suzetta Perkins made a motion to accept one version with Ms. Arnescia Moody's second of the motion. Another motion was made to accept the red and black version that was seconded by Senator Cindy Weatherwax. There was a conflict and the item tabled. A later discussion would be held, and if the conflict wasn't ironed out, the vote would go with the first choice.

Senator Linda Saunders volunteered to participate with the line-up team for the Homecoming parade. The meeting place will be a Facilities at 6 a.m. and then to Hillsboro Street at 7 a.m.

Dates on the horizon are election of senators and officer (January to April 2019); Mr. and Ms. Staff (April 2019); Chancellor's Cup Gold Tournament (May 15, 2019); Staff Appreciation Week (May 20-23, 2019); Staff Appreciation Luncheon (May 23, 2019); Staff Senate Retreat (June 20, 2019).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Laws Committee – Senator Pat Flanagan presented the revised By-Laws that must be approved by the Senate. Senator Arnescia Moody made a motion to accept the revised By-Laws. Senator Cindy Weatherwax second the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Linda Saunders requested donations for the FSU Day Care. A list of preferred donations was sent out. Senator Saunders stated the FSU Day Care has long been a supporter of the Senate.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.