

Staff Senate 2016-2017

MINUTES – Thursday, September 8, 2016 Education Building, Room 117

Present: Scott Delony, Ann Varner, Joel Swedlund, Chris Ballard, Tina Chisholm, Frankie Montgomery, Prentice Ashford, Amanda Pittman, Sherita Nickerson, Dave Beard, Will Wyatt, Emily Berry, Stephanie Woodlee, Kathy Redman, Amy McAlister Eric Gumm, Carolyn Jeter, Kim Dennis

Absent: Joel Swedlund, Chris Ballard

I. Call to Order

Prentice Ashford called the meeting to order

II. Areas of Praise-Prentice asked all the Senators to think about someone either in the room or in an area of campus that deserved a shout-out. Several Senators mentioned people who had been especially helpful and kind in their jobs.

III. New Business

Prentice announced that since Wendy Jones has been appointed to SLT, she will no longer be attending the Staff Senate (SS) meetings on a regular basis; but will be available when needed.

Prentice asked Stephanie Woodlee to update the SS on the S2S Leave recommendation. Prentice is scheduled to be on the SLT agenda soon to present this recommendation to them for approval, and then it will be presented to the Staff at ACU. Supervisors will have discretion on what is approved to be service hours. Possible partnership with Halbert Institute of Missions.

Prentice suggested the idea of handling our Chair of the Staff Senate like the Faculty Senate. They have a Chair-Elect, Chairman (Current) and Past-Chair. With this arrangement, there will be more continuity of information about what the SS is working on, etc. This arrangement will require an amendment to the by-laws to allow for the Past-Chair to be on the committee 3 years instead of 2.

Chris Riley was our guest speaker. He updated the SS about two important things that Student Life has been working on-the LGBT issues and the Dress Code. The Board of Trustees commissioned an Ad Hoc committee and talked to experts, LGBT students, and held a Faculty Forum. It was decided to allow VOICE to be allowed on Campus to give students a place to talk about LGBT issues, to define “respect” for students. It is also noted that sex outside of the Biblical definition of marriage is wrong whether that is gay or straight.

Dress code was addressed and it has been updated to require the inseam in women’s shorts to be at least 3” long and to prohibit leggings without the posterior/buttocks/gluteus maximus/hind quarters (:/) be covered.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM