

## Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Rescheduled to March 3, 2022 / **Location:** Russell Building, Room 100

### Attendance:

Senators: Tony Lehrling, Jennifer Maple, Samantha Rogers, Ami Towne, Jennifer Moore, Alisha Ridenour, Shawn Ridenour, Teresa Anderson, Penny Bridwell, Crystal Cheek, Megan Cochran, Darla Ellett, Stacey Hunkapiller, Stefan Kells, Terri Barnes, Jerry Knight, Cody Wood

Guests: Alyssa Gossett, Stephanie Davison, Karl Frinkle, Kate Shannon, Katy Davis, Austin Harmen, Jason Stowell, Marlin Blankenship, Natalie Weaver, Gingerlei Waddell and others

**Absent:** Tiffany Tate

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### Call to Order

Chair Jeni Maple called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2022

Senator Moore moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2022 Staff Senate meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Stacey Hunkapiller and passed unanimously.

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### Officer Reports

- Chair: (Senator Maple): Welcomed New Chair-Elect Tony Lehrling and New Senator Cody Wood. Update Staff Senate that she would like to have all staff senate senators pictures on the website. Chair Maple let the Staff Senate people know that the Executive Committee is meeting with the President on March 10, 2022. And Faculty Senate Budget Committee has invited SS Executive Committee to set on the budget meeting with VP Westman.
  - Chair Elect: (Senator Lehrling): Another disbursement of Cares Funds will be April 1, 2022
  - Past Chair: (Senator A. Ridenour): Nothing to Report
  - Treasurer: (Senator Towne): Nothing to Report
  - Archivist: (Senator Rogers): Nothing to Report
  - Parliamentarian: (Senator Moore): Nothing to Report
  - Secretary: (Senator Hawthorne): Nothing to Report
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### Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: nothing to report
- Committee on Committees
  - Co-chairs: Senator A. Ridenour and Christala Smith
    - New committee assignment. This committee will need to appoint senators to the open slots on University Affairs Committee and Nomination and Recognition committee.
- Nominating and Recognition Committee

- Co-chairs: Senator C. Cheek and Natalie Weaver
    - Staff Senate Awards-Final Vote Microsoft form will go out this next week. Jennifer Moore stated that the awards don't have to be counted towards your payroll so it will increase the dollar amount given.
    - Staff Senate Elections; these will go out with the next couple of weeks. Chair Maple stated that a survey monkey has been created and waiting on Executive committee approval.
  - University Affairs Committee
    - Chair: Senator Shawn Ridenour
      - Staff Survey will be ready to go out by March 2022. Couple of tother things working on but not ready for public viewing yet.
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### **Old Business-See January 27, 2022 minutes for details**

- No Voting Items
  - Discussion Items
    - Proposal for Dyanna Bowen re: "release time" for physical activity
    - Updates for Constitution and Bylaws (Submit to staffsenate@se.edu)
    - Fundraising Ideas (submit staffsenate@s.edu)
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### **New Business**

**Guest Speak: Kate Shannon was a guest speaker at the meeting today .**

- Voting Items
    - Resolution in Support of a Part-Time Employee Salary Increase to Minimum of \$10/hr-Southeastern Minimum was as the idea of everyone working part-time as min. wage. Senator Anderson voice her concern that if we raise this price will we have to increase departmental budgets. Senator A. Ridenour stated it is intended to be for next budget year. Stephanie Davison stated that we only have 120 for student application this time last year, only 25 this year for student applications! This is a big difference. She also stated that this is a big problem all over campus when they can go outside and work for \$15.00 a hour off campus. Working with Southern Workforce Development Center here in Durant in working with getting workers.
    - Proposal to Update Constitution and Bylaws-these will be moved to discussion items-These were not properly distributed before meeting.
  - Discussion Items
    - Fundraising: Plant Sale-Gingerlei has graciously offer to help with the plant sale for a fundraising event. Robert Mills has agreed to work with us.
    - Volunteer to work on revisions
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### **Announcements:**

- Next Staff Senate Meeting March 31, 2022 in R100
- Next Executive Committee meeting date: March 8, 2022

- Next Committee meeting date:
  - a. Nominating and Recognition March 3, 2022
  - b. University Affairs: March 9, 2022

**Adjournment**

- 4:35 pm -Senator Jennifer Moore made the motion to adjourn and Senator Tony Lehring seconded. Motion passed unanimously!