

## Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 31, 2022 / **Location:** Russell Building, Room 100

### Attendance:

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

Guests: Numerous Guest

**Absent:** Samantha Rogers, Teriki Barnes, Crystal Cheek

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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 Alisha Ridenour and passed unanimously.

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### Officer Reports

- Chair: (Senator Maple): Executive Committee meet with President Newsom and VP Westman on March 10. They were given the Part-Time Employee Salary Increase to review. President Newsom stated that salaries are his main priority along with Salary Proposal. Telework Policy has been approved and he showed his appreciation of the committee working on this and to the faculty and staff senates. SE is also receiving and ARPA Grant for 10 million for Bio and Science Buildings. Marketing and EAD to market undergraduate programs in a 3 year agreement. It is a pay by student. Master Plan is coming along nicely. EQ groundbreaking will be April 25, 2022 at 2 pm. Strategic Committee-President Newsom has asked if you want to volunteer please email the President. Senator Moore stated that we will get an Additional Holiday in October-kind of like fall break but it will only be the Friday. Budget request for \$5,000.00 to VP Dennis Westman. Faculty/Staff Senator and Alumni office to recognize Faculty and Staff to be recognized on April 18, 2022 at 3:30 pm.
- Chair Elect: (Senator Lehrling): Staff Survey will be coming out soon.
- Past Chair: (Senator A. Ridenour): Meeting with the President was very Positive.
- Treasurer: (Senator Towne): Nothing to Report
- Archivist: (Senator Rogers): Absent
- Parliamentarian: (Senator Moore): Nothing to Report
- Secretary: (Senator Hawthorne): Nothing to Report
- Advisor VP Westman: Groundbreaking for EQ will April 25, 2022 at 2 pm. It will be connected from the Crooked Smile Trail. Parking Lot for EBB is ready to be started. Since the Drive thru has opened at EBB we have exceed the sales. Good thing for SE Students, Faculty and Staff and for the Community. The commission we receive are used for employees of SE. Final numbers for Winter Weather Damage is 1.73 million in Winter Storm Damage to campus. ARPA Grant-President Newsom is in OKC today giving final presentation to receive this. This will help us make improvements to Bio Science and Science Bldg.

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## Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: Senator Maple shared these comments in here Officer Report. See above comments.
- Committee on Committees
  - Co-chairs: Senator A. Ridenour and Christala Smith
    - New committee assignment. Nothing to Report
- Nominating and Recognition Committee
  - Co-chairs: Senator C. Cheek and Natalie Weaver
    - Staff Senate Awards-196 Responds. Great Engagement. Comments will be sent out after Faculty/Staff Recognition Ceremony April 18, 2022.
    - Staff Senate Elections: These will be out shortly.
- University Affairs Committee
  - Chair: Senator Shawn Ridenour
    - Staff Survey was sent out for review. Senator Alisha Ridenour stated that this was re-adjusting these question to be more geared toward staff. Senator Moore asked to re-write to say Stipends.

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## Old Business-See March 3, 2022 minutes for details

- Voting Items
  - i. Resolution in Support of Part-Time Employee Salary Increase to a Minimum of \$10/hr
- Discussion Items
  - Proposed bylaw changes
  - Fundraising/plant sale
  - Salary Card Proposal

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## New Business

- Voting Items
  - Resolution in Support of a Four Day Work Week: Senator Anderson state that why don't we extend to start of semester instead of August 1. Senator Alisha Ridenour and Senator Towne stated that Athletes have to report on August 1 and they also will need advising. Reporting l's for classes, etc.

Senator Megan Cochran made a motion to approve and Seconded by Senator Ami Towne. Vote Recorded: For: Senator Anderson, Senator Bridwell, Senator Cochran, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Hunkapiller, Senator Knight, Senator Lehrling, Senator Moore, Senator A. Ridenour, Senator Towne, Senator Wood. Absent: Senator Barness, Senator Rogers

- Discussion Items
  - Staff Survey-Please see about comments.

**Announcements:**

- Next Staff Senate Meeting April 28, 2022 in R100
- Next Executive Committee meeting date: April 12, 2022
- Next Committee meeting date:
  - a. Nominating and Recognition April 7, 2022
  - b. University Affairs: April 13, 2022

**Adjournment**

- 2.:52 pm -Senator Jennifer Teresa Anderson made the motion to adjourn and Senator Jerry Knight seconded. Motion passed unanimously!