

## Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 28, 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 Hunkapillar, Stefan Kells, Jerry Knight, Teriki Barnes

Guests: VP Dennis Westman, Katy Davis, R. Harris, James Sutton, Dyanna Bowen, Christi Gaines, Stacey Estep, Jennifer White, Alyssa Gossett, Susan Dilbeck, Natalie Weaver, Susan Trombley, Angel Winter, Rachel Toews.

**Absent:** Samantha Rogers, Teresa Anderson, Cody Wood

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### Call to Order

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

### Approval of Minutes from March 31, 2022

Senator Moore moved to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2022 with changes Staff Senate meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Stefan Kells and passed unanimously.

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### Officer Reports

- Chair: (Senator Maple): Executive Team meeting with President Newsom and Faculty Senate Budget meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>. 4-day work week was approved by President Newsom. Compensation is major priority for faculty and staff.
  - Chair Elect: (Senator Lehrling): Plant Sale is tomorrow April 29, 2022.
  - Past Chair: (Senator A. Ridenour): Nothing to Report
  - Treasurer: (Senator Towne): Transaction forms have been sent to HR for Staff Senate Award stipends of \$500.00 on June Payroll. Printing was not cost. Country Framer has been paid. Budget 4700.00 starting and ending \$1327.00.
  - Archivist: (Senator Rogers): Absent but Michelle with Marketing is working with Sam on new logo, plant sale video, etc.
  - Parliamentarian: (Senator Moore): Nothing to Report
  - Secretary: (Senator Hawthorne): Nothing to Report
  - Advisor VP Westman: RUSO Board Meeting last week and ARPA Funds almost 7 million is sitting on Governor Sitt's desk to be signed. Making improvement to Bio Science and Science Building. HVAC improvements was also approved. Science elevator is still out of commission until new parts are ordered. Ground Breaking for EQ was a good turnout. Maybe 3 months out from moving dirt. Classroom improvements will be happening this summer. Master Plan will be ready hopefully at our August Faculty/Staff Meeting. Winter Storm Damage repair will start within the next couple of weeks. Budget-working on budget the next six weeks.
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### Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: Senator Maple shared these comments in her 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 are done
      - Staff Senate Elections was sent out yesterday open for nominations and elections will be open until May 19, 2022.
  - University Affairs Committee
    - Chair: Senator Shawn Ridenour
      - FSLA changes meeting with Marjorie sometime next week. President Newsom asked the Staff Senate to participate in Shared Governance Forum. Jeni Maple is writing a Resolution for Shared Governance. Start thinking of ideas.
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#### **Old Business-See March 31, 2022 minutes for details**

- Voting Items
    - i. Resolution in Support of Four-Day Work Week.
  - Discussion Items
    - Staff Survey
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#### **New Business**

- Voting Items
  - Staff Survey

Senator Shawn Ridenour made a motion to approve and Seconded by Senator Stacey Hunkapillar. Motion Passed unanimously. Staff Senate Survey will go out as soon as Staff Senate Elections are over.

- Discussion Items
  - Plant Sale-60/40 split on plant sale.
  - Shared Governance-any ideas please let Jeni Maple know so that we can start this process. Book-Student Ready College-that Faculty Senate has purchased and taken Chapter 2 and It would be a good idea for Staff Senate get this book and read it. Numerous shared Governance topics were discussed.  
<https://www.amazon.com/Becoming-Student-Ready-College-Culture-Leadership/dp/1119119510>
  - Administration Commons Room-Break Room on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Administration building-staff senate has a bunch in that break room that needs to find a new home for storage.
  - Chair/Chair-Elect Terms-Re-address the term limits for these two positions.

- Hospitality Committee-Fall only Semester-Interaction with fellow staff members. Food Trucks for staff, potluck, etc.

**Announcements:**

- Next Staff Senate Meeting May 26, 2022 in R100
- Next Executive Committee meeting date: May 10, 2022
- Next Committee meeting date:
  - a. Nominating and Recognition May 5, 2022
  - b. University Affairs: May 11, 2022

**Adjournment**

- 3.:22 pm -Senator Stefan Kells made the motion to adjourn and Senator Megan Cochran seconded. Motion passed unanimously!