

Staff Senate

June 14, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Note: The remarks of the senators and others are summarized and not verbatim. The recording of this meeting is available in the Staff Senate Secretary's office.

PRESENT: Sandy Baldrige-Adrian; Matt Barnes; Chris Carter; Brittany Donatelli-Parks; Vivian Ford; Grace Gavin; Daniel Hucks; Geoffrey Insch; David Klauder; Ebony McCray; Alexis McGarvey; Bradley Queen; Walter Showers; Wendy Singleton; Samantha Sullivan; Sharlene Zwing; Judith Zang

SUBSTITUTIONS: Tanya warren for Penny Bell

ABSENT: Jean Bennett; April Betsch; Brian Hutchinson; Michelle Lewis; Abby Sink; David Speiser; Jennifer Stewart;

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: John Dooley; Amanda Craddock; Julianne Cooke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The minutes from the May 2022 meeting will be voted on during the August 2022 meeting due to lack of decorum.

Special Order of the Day:

- None

SENATE PRESIDENT REMARKS:

- Executive Council:
 - The state approved an increase in milage reimbursement.
 - The enrollment report looks strong, but the melt has not occurred. The “melt” refers to students who do not end up coming to the University.
 - James Johnson is conducting room and space counts.
- Recent topic submissions:
 - Multiple inquiries about flex work and work from home due to inflation.
- Staff Senate retreat will take the place of the July 12th Staff Senate meeting. The retreat will be from 8am to 12pm in the Alford Ballroom.
- November 12th is a Tuesday and Election Day. Staff Senate needs to look at moving the date for this meeting, as well as the December meeting, which is scheduled to take place the same day as the Board of Trustees meeting. This can be discussed in the August Meeting.
- Staff Senate has been asked to beta test the MyCCU app. Beta testing is for Staff Senators only.
- Reminder to read and share information with your constituents.

Presentation

- None

PRESIDENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

President Benson:

- CCU had 1,226 graduates in the Spring.
- Enrollment looks promising.
- Phase 1 approval for the indoor practice facility. No state appropriations will go towards the facility.
- The General Assembly opens tomorrow, June 15th.
- Be sure to support the Track team as they attend the NCAA Championship in Eugene, OR.

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- Not in attendance.

Travis Overton:

- University Convocation and General Faculty meeting will be held on August 16th at 10am.
- New Student Convocation will be held on August 23rd at 5pm. Faculty and Staff are asked to be in attendance.
- There will be an Independence Day Ice Cream Social invitation from the President coming soon.
- Expressed excitement about the numbers and feedback from the Strategic Planning Surveys. The feedback is used to engage focus groups.

Tom Koczara:

- HREO has received numerous questions about the University's response to inflation.
 - There is a promising general increase in the state budget.
 - There is a promising bonus from the state.
 - Project underway to rewrite policy on telework. Will be engaging the Board of Trustees for thoughts. Meeting with President's Cabinet for more immediate benefit on Monday.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

In an effort to streamline Staff Senate meetings, but also continue to collect valuable employee feedback data, the Senate will begin referring Topic Suggestions that relate to specific areas of operation to the appropriate person in those areas. The Senate will continue to collect these submissions and will review them in total each semester to determine if there are organizational patterns that should be addressed by the Senate as a whole.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy and Welfare Committee

- No report

Membership Committee

- Vivian Ford is the new chair of the committee as Alexis McGarvey has stepped down.
- Membership listing is in the final process. Monthly constituent updates will be given to senators.
- Looking to fill two senator vacancies.
- Executive committee elections will be available by July 12th. All Executive positions are open for election.

Communication Committee

- No report

Staff Recognition Awards Ad Hoc Committee

- The committee had a very successful meeting.
- The awards ceremony is scheduled for September 8th from 4pm to 6pm in the Singleton Ballroom.
- An announcement about voting for award recipients is forthcoming.

Open Discussion

- Senators were given the opportunity to bring any questions to the floor. Topics during this time included setting up emails for new hires, orientation parking, and the My CCU app.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 7/12- Staff Senate retreat
- 7/15- Boot and Bronze
- 8/18-21 Move in for students
- 8/16- University Convocation
- 8/23- New Student Convocation
- 8/23- OK Day
- 8/24-First day of classes
- Next meeting is August 8th at 9am in the Alford Ballroom

Motion to adjourn at 8:56am.