FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

STAFF SENATE MEETING

J.C. Jones Board Room, 2nd Floor, Charles Chesnutt Library

Thursday, May 16, 2019

2:00 p.m.

The FSU Staff Senate convened on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the J.C. Jones Board Room, in the Charles Chesnutt Library. President Velappan Velappan called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Senators were in attendance: Suzetta Perkins, William Simmons, Roni Stearns, Kristy Presock, Cindy Weatherwax, Linda Saunders Gloria Mills, Velappan Velappan, Patricia Flanigan, Arnescia Moody, Shenetta Dudley, Paula Sampson, Nicole Young, Vickie Bannon, Tamika Jones, Dorothy Brown, David Troup, Monique Alexander, Mallonie Clay, SeQuenna Pennix, and Natasha Walker.

**MINUTES**

Senator Suzetta Perkins made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 2019 and April 2019 Staff Senate meeting. Cindy Weatherwax second the motion. *The motion carried.*

**DR. YOUNG’S REPORT**

Chief of Staff and Vice Chancellor, Dr. Jon Young, welcomed all members of the Staff Senate. He stated he is still following up on outcomes from the Employee Engagement Survey. Currently, there are several items in the mill to include upgrade of staff anniversary awards, family fun day (which will happen next semester). These items are important as we need to do something to build relationships.

The university is gearing up for implementation of the 2020 – 25 Strategic Plan. Items or end results of the Employee Engagement Survey will be incorporated into the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Young thanked the Senators who participated in the Commencement exercises this past weekend. President Velappan thanked Dr. Young for his continuous support of the Staff Senate.

Prior to the President’s Report, Senator Patricia Flanigan, Chair of the Nomination/ Election Committee, handed out ballets for the election of officers. Results would be announced at the end of the meeting. Cindi Weatherwax and Vickie Bannon will count the votes.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Velappan stated that the Chancellor’s Cup Golf Tournament was held on yesterday, May 15, 2019. It was a great event, and the UNC Greensboro team won the tournament. Staff member, Mr. William Evans, who participated on the FSU Staff team, received a prize for hitting the ball close to the hole. Approximately $30,000 was raised from the tournament.

Commencement ceremonies for both grad and undergraduate were held Friday – Saturday this past weekend. President Velappan Velappan stated that eight (8) senators volunteered to be ushers and staff marshals. He thanked all who participated. There are six to seven robes (regalia) that haven’t been turned in. President Velappan stated that he would contact those who were in possession of them.

The Mr. and Ms. Staff competition was held May 1, 2019. Total monies raised was $1,147.54. The winners were Mr. Shelton Richardson and Ms. Allison Hunter.

The 2019 election of senators, alternates and proxies was held. Five new senators were elected under Academic Affairs, one senator in the Chancellor’s Office, two senators in Student Affairs, one senator in ITTS, and one senator in Institutional Advancement.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**By-Laws Committee:** Chair Patricia Flanigan stated that she will submit changes to the By-Laws for the next Staff Senate meeting in June.

**The Publications/Communications Committee:** Chair Suzetta Perkins stated that the newsletter is completed. It was approved by Institutional Advancement and hopefully, will be published campus wide next week.

**Election Committee:** Senator Pat Flanigan stated that the elections are now complete. Twenty-one senators are now on board. A new roster was provided. Eleven of the current senators are still on the roster, while ten new senators were added. At the June meeting, we will invite the new senators—meet and greet, share ideas, and potluck.

**Events Committee:** Health and Wellness Day (part of the Employee Appreciation Week) will be held in the Capel Arena on Monday. Senator Perkins stated that she will place the food order for the Employee Appreciation luncheon with catering, however, she still needs to know where the money will come from. Senator Arnescia Moody said to go ahead and place the order and send Vice Chancellor a copy of the invoice with a cc to her. The cost of the food will be covered.

**Hospitality Committee:** Senator Tammika Frowner stated that she collected $22.75 at the last meeting, whose proceeds were used for today’s meal.

**Education Grant Committee:** Two applications were received. Two grants will be honored and given out at the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

**NEW BUSINESS**: Senator Monique Alexander stated that she has acquired two computers. The computer lending program is on its way to being activated.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** The results of the elections are as follows:

President – Tie: Patricia Flanigan and Velappan Velappan (there will be a run-off)

Vice President – Arnescia Moody

Secretary – Shenetta Dudley (declined)

Corresponding Secretary – Shenetta Dudley

Treasurer – Tammika Frowner

Parliamentarian – Linda Saunders

Web Designer – Velappan Velappan

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.