

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY  
In Person/Virtual Meeting  
Thursday, September 14, 2023  
2:00 p.m.

The FSU Staff Senate convened in-person in J.C. Jones Board Room and online via Microsoft Teams Thursday, September 14, 2023. President Roni Stearns called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

A motion to approve the minutes from August 24, 2023, was made by Senator Sylvester Washington, seconded by Senator Adrian Williams. The minutes were adopted into the record with the following corrections to attendance.

**ATTENDANCE**

***The following were in attendance:*** Pres. Roni Stearns, Dorothy Cannon-Brown, Melissa Wells, Chanieca Hudson, Jermaine Stearns, Shenetta Dudley, Angelina Kaitlin, Jesse Baker, Vicki Bannon, Jarmel Baxter, Chief Roberto Bryan, Mallonee Clay, Barbara Cohen, Amy Coleman, Deanna Crawford, Patricia Flannigan, Abby Folgate, Christopher Foster, Roderick Fullwood, Shunta' Hailey Gregory, Amariche Hawkins, Alicia Judd, Charles Mewshaw, Arnescia Moody, Rangel Moore, SeQuenna Pennix, Paula Sampson, Vanessa Scott, Adam Tolan, Tiffany Torres, Dylan Turlington, Annette Umerah, Sylvester Washington, Gloria Wells, Adrian Williams, Ivan Williams, Sandra Woodard, Durenne Moore, Jerone Gray

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Executive officers met on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. All went well.
- The Janet B. Royster Scholarship application process closes on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. Employees are encouraged to apply. The scholarship is open to all full-time employees (non-faculty) of the UNC System. You can use the scholarship for the purpose of pursuing a degree, obtaining professional certification(s), or conferences. You can find the link to the scholarship in the email that went forth today at 1:32 pm. Those who receive the scholarship can be awarded up to \$1,000.
- Employees are encouraged to participate in the Chancellor's Cup in Greensboro, NC September 26, 2023. Lunch will be provided; however, you must pay for your own transportation and lodging. Supporting this effort will help to allow for future scholarships. If interested, provide your response in the chat.
- There were amazing responses to the FSU Convocation. If you are interested in serving as an usher for Convocation and Founder's Day, please let me know so I can provide Ms. Coleman with your name and she will contact you regarding the

requirements. Some responsibilities include what to wear, assisting the faculty with lining up, and passing out programs.

- Additional information regarding the UNC Staff Assembly will be provided at our next meeting.
- Employee Benefits Fair is October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Today at 4:00 pm is the last chance for nominations for the FSU Mr. and Ms. Staff competition. Nominations will be turned in at the conclusion of today's meeting.
- SGA and the Faculty Senate information will be sent to Senator Moody.

### **PARKING (Chief Bryan, Campus Safety)**

- Parking rates were preset on a five-year increase. There should be one more year left to the increase in rates. Student fees have not increased. Student fees are decisions made by the UNC System.
- If you need to park somewhere on campus, other than your designated parking lot/space, you will need to notify campus police ahead of time.
- Mr. Tye Davis and AVC Parsons will be contacted regarding the parking issues at IT and the FSU Print Shop.
- In the near future, we will be utilizing a system that will eliminate parking passes. The system will allow us to use your license tag to determine if you have a valid parking permit. This will also allow you to register up to 8 vehicles with the same permit. Due to the change, individuals will no longer be able to back their vehicles into a parking space.
- While there are no posted signs, parking on the grass is prohibited. Parking on the grass destroys the landscaping and costs the university undue expenses.
- You can park at any faculty/staff parking lot however the gated parking lots have a different premium; therefore, you will not be able to park there unless you have obtained the proper permit.

### **HR UPDATES:**

- Benefits fair - October 3, 2023, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Open enrollment – October 9 – October 27, 2023 (more information forthcoming)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. & Ms. Staff Senate competition, Pres. Roni Stearns will be the Chair and VP Stearns will be the Co-Chair. Those who raise the most funds will be crowned Mr. and Ms. Staff. Mr. and Ms. Staff will be given two complimentary tickets to the football game and another VIP event. Mr. and Ms. Staff will be recognized at the football game and crown the King and Queen of FSU on the field.
- Nominations for Mr. and Ms. Staff Senate will end today at 1:00 pm.
- Senator Hocker will load the names of nominees to the website.

**Events Planning Committee:** Murder Mystery Theater practices are held on Wednesdays 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Understudies are needed and welcomed. Production is set for February 3, 2024 (Saturday).

### **New Business**

- Make sure to contact Senator Ezekiel Best and schedule your professional headshot for the website.
- Ms. Hudson has agreed to be the new Membership Coordinator

### **Other Business**

If you have not already taken your headshot, please make an appointment with Mr. Ezekiel Best. Once you have received your photo, please forward it to Ms. Torres to be added to the website.

The faculty and staff appreciation game will be held on October 14, 2023, at 2:00 pm. Michael King and Dr. Shekarkhar are working to allocate funds so that tickets can be at a reduced price for faculty and staff. There is a link provided for those who are interested in participating. The tailgate will be conducted prior to the game.

The Bronco Kudos program is sponsored by the HR department. Anyone can submit kudos for a co-worker throughout the month for various reasons.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Sen. Wells entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was properly seconded by Sen. Washington. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by President Stearns at 3:01 pm.