# FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY In Person/Virtual Meeting Thursday, January 19, 2023 2:00 p.m.

The FSU Staff Senate convened in-person in J.C. Jones Board Room and online via Microsoft Teams Thursday, January 19, 2023. President Dwane Hodges called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and adopted into the record.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The following were in attendance: Roni D. Stearns, Melissa Wells, Dorothy Cannon-Brown, Abby Folgate, Patricia Flanigan, Gloria Mills, Rangel Moore, Hector Molina, Zahra Shekarkhar, Dwane Hodes, Arielle King, Michelle Hocker, Arnescia Moody, Shenetta Dudley, Sylvester Washington, Rachel Townsend, Shawnta Cummings, Sandra Woodard

# Chief Roberto Bryan, VC for Police and Public Safety

- Campus Incident De-escalation- Debriefed on the incident at WSSU and gave pertinent information on examining that situation and how we would handle a similar situation at FSU.
- It is critical that faculty and staff are aware of different methods to handle a situation to reduce the involvement of police and public safety.
- A joint session will be held with faculty and staff to engage in discussion with varying points of view.
- Parking Lot E- Dr. Jesse Baker sent an email to President Hodges and Chief Bryan wanted to respond to the concern presented in the email. 22/44 spaces will be dedicated to faculty and staff and the signs will be posted 01/19/23 along the fence.
- There will be a transitional period, but hopefully the issue will be resolved. Police and Public Safety are dedicated to resolving the challenges.
- President Hodges asked when ticketing would begin. Chief Bryan stated it began today. Accountability is being enforced on all levels.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Gratitude was expressed to Dr. Shekarkhar for presenting with President Hodges during the Kickoff Meeting.
- Main issues are still being consolidated for statewide implementation. Some
  issues include the inclement weather policy, implementing supervisor evaluations
  to promote accountability, creating equitable promotion opportunities,
  creating/implementing a statewide retention fund to retain employees seeking to
  leave the university, and 15 years tenured status for staff.
- Additionally, when someone separates from the University and you are taking on additional responsibilities, if the position isn't filled within a certain amount of time, you would receive a portion of their salary.
- No SGA or Faculty Senate Updates

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Senator Patricia Flanigan reported that we currently have:

- Education Grant- \$8233.30
- Overall Budget- \$1818.50

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**Murder Mystery Theater-** Planning to change venues to host in the Seabrook Auditorium.

A committee is needed. March is a projected month for the event. The lobby of Seabrook will be decorated. Auditions will be held. Everyone is invited to participate in the auditions.

We want to highlight our talented staff. It is still a fundraiser. We will not host the event as a dinner.

Senator Moody will check on the availability of Seabrook for March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Senator

**Backpack Lunch Buddies-** Senator Gloria Mills reported an update. February 6<sup>th</sup>-March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the tentative date for the service project. The purpose is to provide a

selected elementary with various food items to help with food insecurities in the community.

There are some dietary restrictions on the donations and no glass containers. A list will be provided with all food items that can be collected.

Donation boxes will be placed throughout the campus once approval is given. Volunteers are needed for packing the bags.

Election Committee and Events Committee will be meeting within the next week.

## **Old Business**

None discussed

### **New Business**

None discussed

#### **Unit Concerns**

Performance Management/Plans and supervisors not correctly assessing employees' performance appraisals.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Moody entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was properly seconded by Senator Dorothy Cannon-Brown. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by President Hodges at 3:24 p.m.