

Staff Senate Meeting

September 8, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Waters Hall Conference Room

Present: Jennifer Bunnell, Bethany Campbell, Steve Clark, Kenneith Collins, Amy Hardiman (proxy for Mark Gale), Chris Moss, Felicia Mucci, Molly Pepper, and Penny Pitts

Absent: Mark Gale, Tina Hooks, and Terry Stepp

Minutes from the July 20th meeting were accepted and approved with no changes.

New Business:

1. As the new Presiding Officer, Chris Moss made some opening remarks and provided his contact information to the group. He advised using text versus email if time is of necessity. Email is fine for sending agenda items.
2. Chris Moss proposed at the last meeting that Senators hold a monthly meeting on the second Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The Senators had no objections to this arrangement, so the proposal was confirmed.
3. Three committees were established to spearhead the various events/issues that arise throughout the academic year. These committees are 1) Social Committee, 2) Community Service Committee, and 3) Administrative Committee. Committee members were appointed or volunteered as follows:

Social Committee – Amy Hardeman, Felicia Mucci, and Kenneith Collins

Community Service Committee – Bethany Campbell, Jennifer Bunnell, and Penny Pitts

Administrative Committee – Tina Hooks, Mark Gale, and Chris Moss

4. The Senators discussed what to do next month in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. They decided to support two area events: The Athena League Fun Run to be held on October 28, which contributes to the Women's Health Fund at Athens Hospital, and the Sherry Adams 5K to be held on November 4. The Community Service committee members will research both events before next month's meeting and come up with the best way to raise money across the campus.
5. Steve Clark gave an update on recent activities by the Compensation Committee. The committee enlarged the number of peer institutions from 23 to 31 to include some of the local institutions. It has been proposed that a completely different peer group may be needed for staff positions. The research is ongoing.

Announcements from Senate Members:

1. Molly Pepper was able to assure the group that there would be no alcohol sales at this year's Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention.
2. Jennifer Bunnell invited all to attend the River Clay Festival coming up on the weekend of September 23, 24. The Alabama Center for the Arts is heavily involved with the festival which donates money to local schools.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Molly Pepper.

Molly Pepper