



Staff Senate, Angelo State University

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

UC 211

Monday, November 20, 2023

I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

- Sam Spooner, Staff Senate Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was met with 14 Senators present.
 - **Senators Present:** Sam Spooner, Cody Allison, Debra Blair, Christina van Ittersum, Yvette Nunez, Alma Valdez, Maria Wilson, Zachary Deere, Courtney Wilson, Melissa King, Sandra Fuentes
 - **Alternates Present:** Quincy Childress, John Mathews, Jordan Swiderski,
 - **Guests Present:** Angie Wright, Kurtis Neal, Flor Leos, Olivia Castro, Jody, Casares, Elizabeth Randell, Haley Neufeld, Kam Wiese

II. Acknowledgement and Comments From Guests

- **Angie Wright, VP for Finance & Administration**
 - Standing Guest Invitation
- **Kurtis Neal, Director of Human Resources**
 - Stated that there will be a Qualtrics Survey notification to come out on Monday the 27th of November in the afternoon, for the annual Conflict of Interest survey due by December 8th.
 - Also stated that the Great Colleges to work for celebration will be held from 4-6pm on the 30th of November.
- **Kam Wiese, Student Government Association President**
 - SGA – Hosting Donations for Ram Family Scholarship during tree lighting on November 28th
 - Angelo.edu/givingtuesday
- **Flor Leos, Institutional Officer for Multicultural & Community Engagement and Success Initiatives/Professor**
 - Talked the Values Journey, came into talk with staff about how we have to look into the Diversity & Inclusion Value due to law change.
 - We need to build a culture of equity, participation, and belonging.
 - Suggested that we replace the word equity with justice, fairness, or impartial

III. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- Minutes from October 16, 2023 approved by- 1st Debra Blair, 2nd by Maria Wilson, and all voted in favor

IV. Ram Star Award Presentations

- Alyssa Allen
- Brianna Hodges
- David Hegwood



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- Haley Neufeld
- Jody Casares
- Marley Braswell

V. Treasurer's Report

- Debra Blair went over the treasurer's report:
 - Staff Senate account currently \$1172.46
 - Staff Excellence Award account currently \$3500.00

VI. Committee Reports

- Committee Sign-Up Reminder – [File found under Microsoft Teams](#) – Informed everyone of the location of where to sign up.

VII. Unfinished Business

- Employee Tuition Exemption Program update – 1 Feb 2023 – Quarterly Budget Meeting
- SECC donations – Approximately \$3000 in donations
- Concho Christmas Tour of Lights – Friday, December 8, 2023 Sign Up
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IZ_naYArhSpl2bHeyBmFrKrRhXgcj_xRkZ01glz5n_Y/edit (you may have to copy and paste link in your browser)

VIII. New Business

- Annual awards ceremony scheduled for May 2, 2024

IX. Miscellaneous

- Tree Lighting Tuesday November 28th
- Maria Wilson with the Police Department brought up the opportunity for self defense classes 8am-3pm on a Saturday.

X. Adjournment

- Alma Valdez motioned for Adjournment, Debra Blair seconded, and all voted in favor; the meeting concluded at 3:30 PM.

XI. Meeting Recording

https://angeloedu-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/sspooner_angelo_edu/EZpTpe6Ug9BBsiM0-PqeNj8B75yl6kdo5EoMfKhLHlu51A?e=w2HU9S