



STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March, 9, 2023 - 10:00 AM College of Education Conference Room – LC 228

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- I. Call to Order was promptly at 10:00a.
- II. Roll Call – Graham Duncan, Samelia Abney, ~~Mary Jo Carpenter~~, ~~Jeff Constant~~, Laney Dixon, ~~Brittany Tims~~, ~~Gretchen Twigg~~, Katie Whatley, Matt Goldman, Dawn Lewis, ~~Sam Pinchoff~~, ~~Ebonee Dendy~~, ~~Catherine Covar~~, ~~Glen Crawford~~, ~~Tavares Meadows~~, Patrick Moore, Ken Toole, Adam Weyer  
Ex-officio: ~~London Thomas~~ or Kurstin Lacoste (HR), ~~Jessica Partlow (DAC)~~
- III. Approval of Minutes from February meeting
  - a. Dawn Lewis motioned to approve. Matt Goldman second. All in favor. No opposition. February meeting minutes approved.
- IV. Katie Whatley reported that we still had \$725.00 as the Donuts for staff Appreciation Event were free.
- V. Diversity Advisory- Jessica was absent. Graham addressed the group that March was Women’s Month.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Employee Appreciation and Recognition
    - i. February 24, 2023 Doughnuts for Staff in Lois Grier was a success.
  - b. Elections
    - i. Ken presented the Election Timeline update and we decided that once the candidates had accepted the nomination to host a Meet & Greet. The details would be decided on later and presented at the next meeting.
  - c. Professional Development
    - i. No updates
  - d. Communications and Bylaws
    - i. No updates
  - e. Community Partnership
    - i. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee tickets were offered to Staff and was a success.
    - ii. Staff Senate members are asked to start reaching out to businesses to ask for Door Prizes for Staff Excellence Breakfast.
    - iii. Staff Excellence Breakfast communication will be distributed soon.
- VII. Staff Senate amended rules for Employee of the Month allowing current Senators to nominate and names will be extracted from form before sending out.
- VIII. Adjournment
  - a. Sam motioned to adjourn. Dawn second the motion. All in favor to adjourn.

### Staff Senate Mission Statement

The Lander University Staff Senate exists to enhance the welfare of its staff; to serve as a liaison between staff, administration, faculty, and students; and to advise the administration on matters concerning the staff. This focus provides staff a voice to promote a positive, respectful work environment that sustains both personal and professional growth. In support of the university’s strategic plan, specifically the goal of remaining an employer of choice, the senate strives foremost to contribute to the overall success of Lander University and its students.