



# STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10.13.23

Time: 3-5 P.M.

Facilitator: Cora Thomas Click or tap here to enter text.

## IN ATTENDANCE

x	Ayalew, Lily	x	Gordon, Elise	x	Long, Sydney	x	Thompson, Ronald
x	Batista, Barbara	x	Hall, Natarsha	x	Mangrum, Jennifer	x	Valdez, Adela
U	Bolton, Rhonda	x	Hamilton, Brent	E	Mersiovsky, Andrea	U	Vosloo, Bridget
x	Brinkley, Jamie	E	Hamilton-M., Candace	x	Mormon, Lisa	x	Walker, Jeremy
x	Brown, Cherry	x	Hawkins, Eric	x	Murray, Tricia	x	Williams, Vernita
x	Carmody, Melissa	x	Hoh, Peter	x	Pearson, Shontel		
x	Clawson, Adam	x	Javed, NJ	x	Pitts, Tammy		
x	Cortez, Brittany	U	Karlsen, Susan	x	Rijal, Rajan		
x	Donihoo, Eric	U	Kelley, Courtney	x	Schaeffer, William		
x	Gonzalez, Sarai	U	Lankford, Miranda	x	Stine, Jill		

Toya Jackson attended and is a non-staff council member.

## CALL TO ORDER

President Tricia Murray called the meeting to order 3:11 p.m.

## WELCOME ACTIVITY

Who did everyone meet with and learn about from challenge from Gen Northup.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jill Stine motioned to approve the September minutes. Vernita Williams seconds the motion at 3:17pm

## PRESIDENT’S REPORTS AND UPDATES

President Tricia Murray gave the following reminders and overview.

- Thank you to everyone for the encouragement with Tricia becoming president of staff council
- We will have shenanigans with the monthly meetings, but we will also work hard and get stuff done. Staff council is made up of all of the people and smaller committees.
- We will acknowledge birthdays. Please fill out the survey so we can get to know you a little better.
- For November’s meeting, we will have a pumpkin decorating contest. Fall theme! Winner gets bragging rights! Small to medium size pumpkins. Get your supplies this week.
- Please read through the bylaws so we can be a successful council and understand our purpose.
  - Expectations is to be committed by attending the meetings, participating within your separate committees, volunteering and just showing up. If you cannot attend, please email Tricia. According to bylaws, you can only miss 3 meetings for the year.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS AND UPDATES

- Vernita is excited about the year and ready to go!

## PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

### Bylaws Revision (First reading)

**Open discussion:** Eric Donihoo explained that campus ambassadors is a program where new hires for the college are given a tour of their assigned campus and meet the provost; it's a way for them to feel welcome and get in touch with other departments. Gen Northup explained that the purpose of the bylaws revision is to make campus ambassadors a permanent committee instead of ad-hoc. We will vote on this change next month.

### *Article VII Powers - Original*

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## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

- Service and research committees were announced. Chairs should be in touch soon.
  - Foundation support committee will help the foundation with silent auction, and all fundraising efforts.
  - Campus Ambassadors will do the tours for their own campus; you are not required to drive to a separate campus to do the tour. *Lily A would like to be added to campus ambassadors for courtyard.*
  - There were so many people who wanted meals on wheels, that many had to be assigned their second choice.
  - Research committees need to have at least one new proposal.
  - Service committees need to have one new improvement.
  - District wide communication should strive to make an enhancement to staff council. They will also be helping with the newsletter. Courtney Kelley and Elise Gordon will get access to the staff council page on the website and will need to update it.
  - Tricia will send email next week with expectations for chairs and co-chairs. Teams will start setting meetings.

## ROUND TABLE

- Farmersville is doing a trunk or treat. Oct 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm.
- Dual credit had 10,800 students enroll in class this fall.
- Esthetician program is coming to courtyard. Botox and another program will eventually be added.
- Veteran priority registration doubled their numbers of veterans who got registered this past week.
- Next meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 via Zoom.

## ADJOURN

- Jill Stine motions to adjourn at 3:45 pm; Melissa Carmody seconds.