**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

**STAFF SENATE**

**(NORMAN CAMPUS)**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

**DRAFT**

Chair-Elect Crystal Ary called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

*Officers present –* Rhonda Hill, Chair; Crystal Ary, Chair-Elect; Heather Todd, Immediate Past Chair; Robert Kelly, Communications Officer; Beth McCoy, Recording Secretary

*Staff present –* Melissa Lane, Administrative Coordinator

*Senators present* – Allison Richardson, Caitlin Fournier, Weston Murphy, Kayla Doiron, Kelsey Martyn-Farewell, Jessica Rossman, Ross Mehl, Meghan Warren, Sage Mauldin, Christa Seedorf, Sarah Moran, and Amanda Warren Marshall, and Rachel Jones-Summan

*Senators absent —* Jenny Lang, Ann Seely, Elaine Bradshaw, Keiana Cross, Michael Ray, Suzie Brewer, Cynthia De La Rosa, and Jonathan Still

SPEAKER

Lee Camargo Quinn, HR Director, Benefits & Retirement

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES of April 17, 2024

The minutes of the April 17, 2024, Staff Senate meeting was approved by an email majority vote.

CHAIR’S COMMUNICATIONS

Thanks to everyone that had a role in making Staff Week another successful week. It takes a team of volunteers to make the week a success. Thanks to everyone for their patience at the morning Bingo session while we had technical problems. It may be the most memorable Bingo we’ve ever had.

The Staff Senate Executive Committee met with Lee Camargo Quinn and Lee shared the upcoming changes to benefits related to weight loss medications and the 2025 proposals. These changes were also shared in the meeting today.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**Committee on Committees:** Chair Crystal Ary reported they met on April 29th to discuss/confirm Staff Senate officer recommendations for the upcoming term. Committee on Committees also met on May 14th to discuss/confirm the creation of the staff senate senator’s ballot.

**Merit Award Selection Committee:** Chair Crystal Ary reported they did not meet.

**Policy Review Committee:** Chair Crystal Ary reported they did not need to meet.

**Community Outreach Committee:** By email, Chair Tanya Miller-Eager reported that they didn’t meet in April but was pretty active. The committee participated in The Big Event on Saturday, April 6th. We spent a beautiful morning in OKC helping an elderly lady by clearing out her garden beds. Despite being sore the following day, it felt good to help another human while fostering meaningful connections with colleagues across campus. The committee kept the giving spirit going by organizing a blood drive during Staff Week. Kudos to everyone who gave and volunteered.

**Ad Hoc Committee:** Currently there are none.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Awards Committee:** By email, Chair Liz Cooley reported the 61st annual awards ceremony was a success. Congratulations to all the staff who received awards this year.

**Communications Committee:** Chair Sarah Moran reported they did not meet but we are working towards getting the final wording for the call for committee volunteers communication from current chairs.

**Staff Initiatives Committee:** Chair Kelsey Marty-Farewell reported they did not meet.

**Staff Week Committee:** Chair Jessica Rossman reported they met and briefly recapped how the events of staff week went and went over feedback.  We will meet again after the summer.

REPORTS FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS

**Employee Benefits Committee:** Crystal Ary reported they met on April 18th, discussions were around the performance of our current medical plan, Dependent Audit, 2024 benefit changes, and the proposed 2025 benefit plan design.

OTHER REPORTS

*The following reports were linked to the May agenda:*

Staff Senate Foundation account reports $1,285.30

Minutes of the Employment Benefits Committee meeting for February 2024

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

**Nomination of Staff Senate Secretary:** Crystal Ary said the Committee on Committees recommends Ann Seely for the position of Staff Senate Recording Secretary for 2024-2025.  Crystal Ary called for nominations from the floor. There were none. So, by acclimation, Ann Seely will be the 2024-2025 Secretary.

**Nomination of Staff Senate Communication Officer:** Crystal Ary said the Committee on Committees recommends Robert Kelly, Jr. for the position of Staff Senate Communication Officer for 2024-2025. Crystal Ary called for nominations from the floor. There were none. So, by acclimation, Robert Kelly Jr will be the 2024-2025 Communication Officer.

**Nomination of Staff Senate Chair-Elect:** Crystal Ary said the Committee on Committees recommends Kristi Wright for the position of Staff Senate Chair-Elect for 2024-2025.  Crystal Ary called for nominations from the floor. There were none. So, by acclimation, Kristi Wright will be the Chair-Elect for 2024-2025.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Lane

Administrative Manager

Beth McCoy

Recording Secretary