

Appalachian State University Staff Senate

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

IG Greer, Room 224



- I. Call to Order
 - a. Attendance and Recognize guests
- II. Approval of May Meeting Minutes – minutes approved, Kevin Delgado made a motion and GERALYN MITCHELL seconded.
- III. Guest Speaker: Chancellor Sheri Everts
 - a. Chancellor Everts highlighted what an amazing fundraiser AppKIDS is, in its 39th year. Because of it and the efforts of Staff Senate, we awarded a record number of scholarships equalling \$5,811.
 - b. We were successful with our Silent Auction at the football stadium, selling items and even accepting donations towards scholarships.
 - c. Staff Shout Outs got recognized as an amazing program and a wonderful way of appreciating each other.
 - d. Thank you to Katie Howard for such a wonderful job at the Board of Governor's Meeting. The governors noted how friendly we were to them.
 - i. BOG's had not had a meeting on our campus since 1999 (12,000 students then). Many BOG Members had never been here before.
 - ii. BOG's had a tour (Sandford and Wey) by student ambassadors. They also took them to Levine Hall and showed them the site of the future Innovation Campus
 - iii. BOG's learned more about App State's solar vehicle team (the 1st solar vehicle team in the state of NC) and spoke with Chief Sustainability Officer, Lee Ball
 - iv. Cindy Barr shared data – App gained in key areas: 9.6% gain of rural students, 12.4% gain in 1st generation students, 18% gain in underrepresented students (over 200% since 2014), and our retention/graduation rates are 3rd in the system (20% highest tier nationally) behind UNC-CH and NCSU. It shows that we are, "the premier undergraduate institution," and should be funded that way.
 - v. Chancellor Everts noted her 3 strategic priorities – faculty/staff salaries, infrastructure, and the resources to meet needs of 20,000 students,
 - vi. She reminds us of 1. the opening of the health sciences building, which is the largest academic building on this campus in history) 2. human growth opportunities – Sanford Hall, Child Development Center, and others.
 - vii. For more information, she recommends we check out our App Home Page for current projects and how they are funded.
 - viii. Funding model – Chancellor Everts is travelling to Raleigh tonight to talk more about it with them (she will continue to make the case that we don't belong at the bottom).
 - ix. She thanks us for the excellent work that we do and invites us to the next Staff Connect.
- IV. Group Photo
- V. Chair's Update – Katie Howard
 - a. Please consider signing up for the Staff Senate presentation for Orientation – which is a 5-minute presentation (slides are provided for you). Contact Janice Smith if interested.
 - b. No Staff Senate meeting in July
 - c. July Staff Assembly Meeting starts Monday, July 22 at 8:30 – 5pm, and Tuesday, July 23, 8:30am – 12pm. Representatives of Staff Assembly around the state will be here.

- i. Still need volunteers on the first day Check-in/Orientation.
 - ii. Staff Assembly will be in Parkway Ballroom, 420 PSU 4th Floor
 - iii. On the SA agenda - budget for Parental Leave
- d. Staff Senate is partnering with High Country Triple Country Crown, specifically volunteering for the HC Half Marathon. If SS sends 15 volunteers, Aug. 24 (Sat.), SS receives half of the proceeds. 7:30am – 10:30am is the window to volunteer. Duties might include packet pickup, directing course turns, staffing water stations, and helping with giving out awards/prizes.
- e. Aug. 27 (Tues) is Convocation. We would like a good representation. Wear your black & gold and your Staff Senate pin.
- f. Summer Shindig – June 27th Sanford Mall, 2 – 4pm
 - i. App Builds a Home will be there with a house cut out photo opportunity for a donation
- g. AppKIDS is increasing its reach from 90 to 100 kids this year, branching out to Two Rivers Community School. Started a food drive instead of the school supplies drive due to changing needs.
 - i. March 28th AppKIDS 5K Tentative Date
- h. Aug. 16th is Move-In Day and has 34 slots to volunteer. Email going out to the Senate on June 8. Questions? Paul Wilson.
- i. Refer to Katie Howard's Infographic for all of the other year's highlights and fundraising accomplishments.
- j. Staff Shout Out Program – over 1000 shout outs to date
- k. SS's attendance at our Staff Assembly has been consistent and a great engagement tool with other institutions in our state.
- l. App State was chosen to host Staff Assembly this year in July 2019.

VI. Treasurer's Report (table included)

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Monthly Treasurer's Report
For Month Ending May 31, 2019

Fund Name	Account Number	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
State Funds					
Operating Fund	109130	1,383.69	0.00	0.00	1,383.69
Special Funds					
AppKIDS (Foundation Supported)	227202	159.47	0.00	0.00	159.47
AppKIDS (non foundation)	990152	8,631.99	0.00	0.00	8,631.99
Associated Scholarship Fund	990155	2,385.43	570.00	1,979.00	976.43
Receipt Supported Fund	990158	833.38	0.00	34.98	798.40
Foundation Funds					
Foundation AppKIDS fund (Supports 227202)	992568	4,078.12	731.00	0.00	4,809.12
Appalachian Staff Current Scholarship	993465	2,521.64	10.00	0.00	2,531.64
ASU Staff Endowed Scholarship Fund - Principal	994931	20,037.63	0.00	0.00	20,037.63
ASU Staff Endowed Scholarship Fund - Earnings	995931	5,600.24	171.59	0.00	5,771.83
Endowed Scholarship Fund - Total Assets	994931 & 995931	25,637.87	171.59	0.00	25,809.46

VII. HR Update – Mark Bachmeier reports:

- a. Staff Senate has accomplished a lot in the last 5 years.
- b. State budget for annual raises is not especially positive but more info to come. There is good advocacy at the system level this year.
- c. State Health Plan Clear Pricing Project: a plan to save the state health plan and us money by establishing a new network. Saves money by reimbursing doctors Medicaid rates, so doctors may not be willing to sign up to be in our network. Legislation has been proposed to delay and/or stop this decision to spend a year studying it – but this legislation is still pending and the state health plan is moving forward. Local hospital networks have given us feedback that they cannot afford this new proposed network. SEANC stands in support of it. More discussion is probably needed.
- d. Staff Excellence Awards is out, so please nominate staff you feel do an excellent job.

VIII. Committee Updates – All new Senators are expected to serve on at least one committee

- a. Events Committee

- i. Summer Shindig, June 27, 2-4pm
 - b. Quality of Life Committee
 - c. Staff Recognition Committee
 - i. New Senators, please consider joining the Shout Out Committee, ?'s:
staffshoutout@appstate.edu
 - d. Policy & Constitution Committee
 - e. Fundraising Committee – Dining Passes, there are a few left to sell
 - f. Marketing Committee - Please join the committee and please let us know what you would like us to share on social media.
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- a. Committee Structure/Bylaw Change
 - i. Exec Board is going to revisit our committee structure and our bylaws. We will revisit updating some of our committees to Ad Hoc Committees and reinstate them throughout the year on an as needed basis. For example, Policy & Constitution Committee doesn't necessarily need to meet monthly.
 - b. Swear in New Exec Board
 - i. Chair – Mallory Sadler
 - ii. Past Chair – Katie Howard
 - iii. Chair Elect – Kelli Wilson (not present)
 - iv. Treasurer – Chris Trew
 - v. Secretary – Heidi Tait
 - vi. Alternate Delegates – Kalin Bradley & Sheri Clawson (not present)
- XI. Adjournment – Kevin Delgado motioned and Clint Coffey seconded
- XII. Open Comments
- XIII. Mark Your Calendar dates
- XIV. Next Meeting: August 13, 2019, 1:30-3:00 p.m.-ish, 224 IG Greer
- XV. Next Staff Connect: July 12, 4-6 (no Staff Connect in June)