

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

Zoom



1. Agenda items for the February meeting

a. Call to Order

i. Attendance

b. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

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c. Guest Speakers

i. Jennifer Greene - Health Director/CEO of AppHealthCare

Shared resources about COVID vaccines. We have a low supply of vaccines and as supplies increase, we will be prepared. Sign up for a vaccine here: <https://www.apphealthcare.com/covid-19-vaccinations/>

Group 3 covers educators and those working in education.

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/find-your-spot-take-your-shot/deeper-dive-group-3>

And find information about other groups here:

<https://findmygroup.nc.gov/>

State allocates vaccines to areas. Local vaccines providers are given notification on Thursday concerning the number of vaccines for the following week and then given until the following Monday to vaccinate and do all documentation. Vaccination site is new Recreation center in Boone. It's a good location for high volume clinics. We can do 3000 vaccines a week if we can get supplies, but we are only getting about 500 vaccines per week. Goal is not to waste vaccines.

Questions/Answers: Can folks go longer than 3 weeks between 1st and 2nd appt? Depends on the type. There are a few days of play depending on maker of vaccine.

For ASU employees living in TN, can they receive a vaccination in NC if it becomes available before TN? Yes, your residency will not prevent a worker from receiving a vaccine in Boone.

How are vaccines getting distributed if they have leftovers available? Goal is to use vaccine interest form list. Moving forward, we will ask if people can be there in 20-30 minutes. Will work from phase group list.

Can you confirm that we as educators/support staff are group 3? NC lingo seems to indicate K-12 as education. Yes, we can confirm this includes Higher Education.

When do you anticipate the broader population of Watauga county being vaccinated? It's going to be awhile. Unless vaccine supplies dramatically increase in our country, we will be doing this for many months ahead.

What is the minimum age to be able to receive a vaccine? Currently guidelines for Moderna is 18 and older Pfizer is 16 and older.

I did the "Find my group" form and was told I was group 4; does it matter if we are "required" to work in person? Group information is pretty clear about in-person work as a qualification for receiving vaccines in group 3.

- ii. Megan Hayes - AVC & Chief Communications Officer
Reviewed State of University meeting from Friday Feb. 5.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaxvnxZdgiE&feature=youtu.be>
UComm is working with communications liaisons for your area to optimize website content across the university, with a focus on external facing sites. Updating dated materials, looking at content, and streamlining internal communications.
- iii. Megan McCandless - Director of Annual Giving
IBackAPP Day is March 4th. One day for Mountaineers to come together and celebrate all things Appalachian. Shared powerpoint on how to get involved. Visit the iBackAPP website and share your experience.
<https://www.alumni.appstate.edu/s/1727/dog19/home.aspx?sid=1727&gid=2&pgid=3067&sitebuilder=1&contentbuilder=1>

d. HR Update

- i. The UNC System just issued an updated version of their Return-to-Work guidance brochure. HR is posting the new version and outlining the updates in a communication later today or tomorrow. The updates are generally reinforcing current guidance with minor changes based on CDC and NCDHHS updates. They continue to encourage teleworking to the extent possible, reinforce mask wearing, discourage the sharing of

vehicles where it can be avoided and provide guidance for addressing non-compliance with safety protocols.

- ii. Also remember that HR has a summary of available leave options posted on our HR COVID-19 website at:
https://hr.appstate.edu/sites/default/files/summary_of_employee_leave_options_1.1.2021_through_3.31.2021_updated_12.21.2020.pdf.
- iii. And lastly, please continue to watch the University's website for information on vaccine availability, make sure you understand which vaccine "Group" applies to you and please consider getting the vaccine when it is available to you. The University's vaccine website is at:
<https://www.appstate.edu/go/coronavirus/vaccine/>.

e. Chair's Update

- i. Special dates
Scholarship applications will open tomorrow Feb 10-March 15. Access here <https://staffsenate.appstate.edu/service-projects/staff-senate-scholarships>
[Staff Senator nominations are live](#) find out when your term is up and nominate yourself or others. <https://staffsenate.appstate.edu/officers-senators/senators>
- ii. Staff Compensation Committee Update
Staff Assembly and Human Resources have met with more to come
- iii. Staff Assembly Golf Tournament
Postponed to September 29th.
- iv. Dining Cards
Supports Staff Scholarships and local community.
- v. AppBuildsAHome
Applications are now open for 3rd project.
<https://www.wataugahabitat.org/homeownership>

f. Treasurer's Report

Fund Name	Fund Number	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
State Funds					
Operating Fund	109130	5,692.00			5,473.50
Special Funds					
AppKIDS (Foundation Supported)	227202	2,970.00			0.00
AppKIDS (non foundation)	990152	4,198.59			12.28
Associated Scholarship Fund	990155	4,506.43			2,086.25
Receipt Supported Fund	990158	700.35			700.35
Foundation Funds					
Foundation AppKIDS fund (Supports 227202)	992568	4,355.25	3,133.81		3,133.81
Appalachian Staff Current Scholarship	993465	3,772.14	1,239.50		3,311.14
ASU Staff Endowed Scholarship Fund- Principal	994931	20,037.63			20,037.63
ASU Staff Endowed Scholarship Fund- Earnings	995931	6,196.28			9,139.43

g. Old Business

h. New Business

i. Events Committee Update

Pet supply drive is over and was very successful.

AppKIDS 5K March 27-April 10th. registration is now open.

<https://staffsenate.appstate.edu/service-projects/appkids-5k>

All money made will go to AppKIDS.

ii. Marketing Committee Update

New Instagram account @appstatestaffsenate

New way of collecting requests to spread news about content:

1. [Social Media Request Form](#)

iii. Fundraising Committee Update

No updates at this time

iv. Staff Recognition Committee Update

Thank you to Holly for making the HR blast. Over 80 shout outs already this month,. Pls send out interoffice envelopes to registrar's office.

v. AppKids Committee Update

New year meeting March 3rd. Two families have lost a parent. We are working with counselors to determine what each family needs. Contact Kim Jones joneske@appstate.edu if you would like to help.

- i. Adjournment
- j. Open Comments
 - Kudos to Kelli on presenting at Chancellor's meeting on Friday.
 - Let Exec board know if you have ideas for guest speakers.
- k. Mark Your Calendar dates:
 - i. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 1:30-3:00 pm.