Appalachian State University Staff Senate Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 13 2018  
Location: IG Greer room 2224

a. Call to Order - Carole Called to order at 1:32  
   i. Attendance and Recognize guests - Robbie Pope (GSAS), Matthew Dockham, Anderson Clayton, Kate Brinko
b. Approval of January Meeting Minutes - January minutes approved, no changes  
c. Guest Speaker: Matthew Dockham, Director of external relations and community affairs  
   i. Works with Town of Boone, Watauga County, Boone chamber of commerce, chancellor’s office, NC general assembly, NC Federal delegation, UNC board of governors, UNC state relations council (his role on campuses across the system), UNC federal relations council, Appalachian state board of visitors  
   ii. Discussed the Budget: fully funded UNC enrollment growth, Most employees receive compensation increases, NC promise tuition program, zero management flex cut, building reserves for Beaver school of health science  
      1. Not achieved: Carry over authority increase from 2.5 to 5% for repairs and renovations  
   iii. UNC Board of Governors:  
      1. New faces on the board, focus on the cost of tuition, streamlining meetings, feasibility of moving GA from CH  
      2. Shaved down from 32 to 24 members  
   iv. The Higher Education Act: HEA  
      1. Last reauthorization was in 2008  
      2. Virginia Foxx - PROSPER act - streamline the loan process, does away with federal work study, year round pell  
v. Tax Reform:  
      1. Student Loan Interest Deduction - not repealed  
      2. Qualified Tuition Reduction - retains prior law  
      3. Increase of standard deduction - increases standard to deduction to 12,000(single), 24000(double)  
      4. Name and Logo Royalties - defeated  
      5. 1.4% excise tax on private colleges with large endowments  
d. Anderson Clayton - President of SGA
i. Wants to build a better relationship with faculty and staff

ii. SGA Events and how Staff can help:
   1. Friday, 2/16 #electher - Helping women run for office at every level of government - open to all - 1-4pm in Price Lake, PSU (will send out fbook info) - helps gov. Look more representative of the people its serving
   2. Bills coming up in senate: Raising the minimum wage for student workers (comparing App vs. the rest of the UNC system), Supporting ala gracia (?) - looking into the university contracts with Nike and other organizations that use sweatshops (want to put other lines into the bookstore to give an option other than Nike), Mountaineer Meal Share - 40% of students on App’s campus are food insecure in some form, if you have extra meal plan money how can you help another student? Promoting the food pantry; Accessibility issues on campus; Boone PD advisory board - how can students become more familiar with police on campus?
   3. Black History Month celebration - asking for nominations to celebrate students, faculty and staff - hosting a dinner
   4. Mountaineer Meal Share facebook page - through App State SGA page

e. Chair’s Update
   i. UNC Survey out now, please complete - ending 2/19
   ii. Update on upcoming elections and procedures - Jason Marshburn
      1. Nominations are still open - please nominate people from different areas. As of right now, we have 50 nominations. Please encourage others to nominate and self-nominate.
      2. Election dates: second week of March through March 23rd
         a. In March, we’ll nominate for the executive board position: March 13-29
   iii. Scholarship application opening in March
f. Treasurer’s Report (table in agenda)
   i. Scholarship fund is up by 1300 from the dining card sales

g. Old Business
   i. Vote on Constitution changes - removing mention of vice chair, changing area to division
      1. Chris Trew seconded, proposed by patrick,
      2. Motion approved

h. New Business
   i. Nominations and Elections
   ii. Bylaws Proposal to Remove Appendix A
      1. Will create procedural document for Scholarship Committee to be housed in Scholarship Committee Team Drive
      2. Would like to include “Spouses” as eligible recipients for next year
iii. Discussion of Staff Senate material purchases - not to exceed $2400 - approved
   1. Pens - for orientation and events 500
   2. Post-its - 500
   3. Tent

i. Committee Updates
   i. Events
      1. Food Drive - Heidi Tait is leading it this year
      2. 5K Subcommittee (Katie Howard)
         a. April 7th at 8am - Need volunteers and runners
   ii. Quality of Life - No updates
   iii. Staff Recognition
      1. Staff SHOUT OUT! Program - awarded 40 for January, have 80 for this month so far
   iv. Safety Council - No Updates
   v. Policy and Constitution - No Updates
   vi. Fundraising (Tammie Gelderman) - No Updates
   vii. Marketing (Rachel Butts) - Elyssee Gibson gibsonse@appstate.edu will be the contact for any facebook updates for the staff senate facebook

j. HR Update: Becky Gosky
   i. Employee engagement survey did not reach 50% - extended til Feb. 19th at midnight
   ii. IT positions impacted from transition to EHRA
   iii. SHRA Market Adjustments - new director of OSHR - adjustments will be reevaluated

k. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 2:47pm

l. Open Comments

m. Mark Your Calendar dates
   i. Next Meeting: March 13, 2018