

## Staff Council-Minutes of the Meeting

12/5/2018

- I. **Call to Order by Nick Adams, President at 2:03 p.m.**
- II. **Members present:** Nick Adams, Alonzo Bouldin, Elizabeth Carter, Glen Halbert, Kelsey Holland, Jessica McDill, Jody Peters, Megan Smith and Tyler Wheat.
- III. Approval of the Minutes for October 3 was made by Megan, it was seconded by Glen and passed without opposition. Approval of the Minutes for November was made by Jessica, it was seconded by Elizabeth and passed without opposition..
- IV. **Old Business:**
  - a. Nick spoke with Carla Lowery about the possibility of having wifi in the campus apartments. She informed him that there was no fiber in the apartments and at this time it would be too costly to install in each apartment.
  - b. Nick, Megan and Elizabeth began the first Staff Breakfast Recognition with the Student Life Office in mid-November. Treats were delivered, a questionnaire was left for them to complete about their office, and Chris Jenkins took photos. Discussion followed about displaying the photos on the TV screens around campus as well as adding a post to our website spotlighting the office being recognized. It was decided that Campus Police Office will be recognized in mid-January and the Health Center in February. Elizabeth mentioned sending the questionnaire prior to the visit to give the offices time to complete the questions.
  - c. Nick and Glen discussed their attendance at the MASCO meeting held November 8 and stated that many of the members from other schools shared the same concerns as us. Nick stated that the Medical Leave form still had to be signed by a physician instead of a Nurse Practitioner. He was informed by Karen Clay that it would be best to bring this up for review by legislation in 2020. Discussion also followed about the summer schedule at Delta State University. Their campus closes on Fridays to save money. Many of their employees with children have conflicts with the schedule starting early in the morning. Nick reported that Nora wants to offer our staff the option to work flex hours this summer. Each office has to approve the schedule of their staff. Nora is hoping this will boost morale for our staff by providing options during the summer.
  - d. Nick commented that the Thanksgiving Baskets was a big success. He wasn't sure of the final count of baskets but that there was extra food available.
- V. **New Business:**
  - a. The Salvation Army Toy Drive has collection boxes around campus and open to everyone to contribute. The boxes are being checked by staff council members. Glen will assist with the Owls Basketball game on December 8, with a toy donation for admission to the game.
  - b. Staff Appreciation lunch will be held December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. The toys collected will be presented to the Salvation Army and the Owl Star of the year will be announced at the lunch. Nick will talk to Jill about the door prizes.
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

**VII. Minutes submitted by Jody Peters**