

Staff Council-Minutes of the Meeting

12/4/2019

- I. **Call to Order by Alonzo Bouldin, President at 2:06 p.m.**
- II. **Members present:** Elizabeth Carter, Ashley Gresset, Glen Halbert, Sarah Hall, Jessica McDill, Jody Peters, Tyler Wheat and Amanda Williams.
- III. Approval of the Minutes for September was made by Jessica and seconded by Tyler and passed without opposition. Approval of the Minutes for October was made by Glen and seconded by Elizabeth and passed without opposition.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - a. Alonzo announced that Lasonnia Whitfield, from Financial Aid Office, has been nominated for staff council. Jessica reported that Dr. Brock still wants Tequila McCoy on staff council. Discussion followed about the need to have a staff member from an unrepresented office. Alonzo said he would contact Amanda Clay, Dean of the Library, for a recommendation. Two positions are needed for staff council.
 - b. Updates from the MASCO meeting were given by Glen and Tyler who attended November 12. Not represented at the meeting were Miss. Valley State University and Delta State University. Discussions included revisiting shared education benefits and low morale at the smaller universities.
 - c. Alonzo asked for discussion about facility concerns. Glen stated that Stark was in good shape and the change in custodial staff had made a big difference. Additional discussion followed about the timeliness of responding to request and then closing out the request before everything was fixed adequately. A lot of complaints were shared regarding most of the buildings together with the condition of the residence halls.
 - d. Alonzo asked for an update on the toy drive. The response by everyone is that the toy drive is down a good bit from last year. Alonzo said he would send out another email reminder to campus about the toy drive for the Salvation Army.
 - e. Alonzo stated that Cochran Hall would serve as the toy drive headquarters. He asked for staff council to arrive Wednesday at 11:00 to prepare for the Staff Appreciation Lunch.
 - f. Alonzo stated the book scholarship for staff enrolled in a degree program will be a gift card to Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Those with a salary of \$35,000 and less will be given first priority.
 - g. The next office recognized for January will be University Relations and followed by the Library for February.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. Alonzo gave an update on the status for new Staff Council shirts and stated with the latest turnover he's waiting to fill the two vacant positions before he places an order.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jody Peters