



KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting
September 25, 2024

Attending in person:

- Robert Bridges
- Ryan Capps
- Hadley Cottingham
- Mark Kirkley
- Rebecca Cox
- Lynn Kunkel
- Melissa Lappe
- Savannah Lockman
- Andrew McCanless
- Qing Qing Norris
- Kelley Price
- Donald Spencer
- Jacqueline Winters-Allen
- Destiny Pappas (proxy for Susanne Rothery)

Attending online:

- Sanjoosh Akkineni
- Carla Budinsky
- Lindsey Jefferson
- Karen McDonnell
- Claire Rutte
- Trudy Vaughan

Not in attendance / no proxy:

- Molly First
- Aimee Kane
- Amonte Hampton
- Melissa Hernandez
- Ana King
- Janice Malone
- Raquel Monterroso
- Shelina Munoz
- Caitlin O'Kelley
- Brittany Scott
- Patrick Steimer
- Cynthia Tatis

Meeting called to order

- Review of last month's minutes
- Changes needed: Kelly Price and Lynn Kunkle attended in person
- August 2024 minutes approved with those changes

Old Business:

- October 2024 Staff Senate meeting will be in a new space in Kennesaw: Sturgis Library, Room G12
- Quorum noted at 9:06am for President-Elect nominations
 - o Hadley Cottingham nominated
 - o No other accepted nominations
 - o No objections to Hadley Cottingham as next President-Elect
- Chair of the Staff Recognition Committee needs to step down but wants to remain on the committee; let Rob know if you are interested
- Committees want to focus on rebranding, outreach to new hires
 - o SWAG to identify ourselves as Staff Senators when we're out and about on campus
 - o Caitlin has volunteered to make buttons through the Honors College
 - Cost: about \$20 total
 - No opposition to spending Staff Senate funds for this
 - o Also looking into t-shirts for Staff Senators; Executive Committee will discuss raising money

- Wreaths Across America for fundraising?
- Might be too late in the season
- Donald works with them; maybe they can help with fundraising for next year
- Need to verify we're following legal/tax protocols before launching anything

New Business:

- We are 3 weeks away from the USG Staff Council Conference
- 100 people have registered so far
- People are still registering; we estimated a total of 150 attendees
- Please go to contacts to see what KSU SWAG depts are willing to donate as giveaways

Committee reports:

- Community Impact: <https://kennesaw.givepulse.com/group/861783-Kennesaw-State-University-Staff-and-Faculty> for volunteer opportunities
 - Wreaths Across America: Dec 14
 - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club: 2nd Tuesday of the month
 - Did KSU previously have an annual event with the Chattahoochee Nature Center?
 - There are only 2 people on this committee; we could use more!
- Staff Impact:
 - Owlympics
 - Is it possible for Staff Senate to organize instead of HR?
 - We'd need more people - create a committee?
 - Partner with HR instead of taking it over?
 - HR previously said they were doing an overhaul of Staff Appreciation; is this included?
 - Coffee Talk events have been successful so far; getting busier each time
- Communications:
 - Submissions to the Social Media Upload Form go to the staff_senate@kennesaw.edu
 - We're working on continuation plan for the end of every academic year when new senators take over
- Staff Engagement - no updates

Open Forum:

- We have 2 guests coming next month
 - Karen Ruhlman, Assistant Vice President of Financial Aid
 - Trish Weber, Communications Specialist at UITS

Motion to close meeting, seconded

Meeting adjourned