

**UALR Staff Senate**  
August 21, 2014  
Donaghey Student Center room D

**Call to Order**

Shanna Morris, President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Roll Call**

A sign-in sheet was distributed. Members, both elected and honorary, present were:

Joshua Thomsen	Christopher Hickman	Allen Stanley	Sylvester Cartwright
Kelly Gardner	Victor Carson	Jimmy Young	Jon Vickers
Kristi Wright	Jennifer Moody	Chelsea Ward	Vicky Walden-Wilson
Janet Dotson	Mary Tillman	LaShonda Norfolk	Rodolfo Morales
Thomas Redd Jr.	Terry Harrison	Rodney Crownover	Tamisha Cheatham
Candi Barnum	Valarie Abrams	Rommel Benjamin	Louis Scivally
Karen Lee	Drew Glov	Drew Glover	Benson Chu
Charlotte Lauderdale	Sarah Travis	Sandra Bates Slaughter	Amy Muse
Arrayon Farlough	Shanna Morris	Jennifer Godwin	Matt Harrison

Also present was John Greer, Principal and Vice-President of WER Architects.

**Presentation on Otteheimer**

John Greer gave a presentation on the plans to renovate the Otteheimer Library.

**Treasurer's Report**

Laura McClellan, Treasurer, was unable to be present, and sent her report to Shanna Morrison, President. The opening balance was \$2,471.19. Two scholarships were awarded, one for \$250 and one for \$500. Contributing to the balance was \$261.87 from Kroger. The remaining balance was \$1,721.19.

**Reading of Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed by Staff Senate members. An amendment to the minutes to add Rodney Crownover's name to the Professional Development Committee. Jon Vickers moved to amend, Jennifer Godwin seconded, the vote carried and the amended minutes were accepted.

**Presentation on Staff Senate**

As a service to new members, Jennifer Godwin gave a presentation on the functions and mission UALR Staff Senate.

**Committee Reports**

The following committees gave reports:

- Blood Drive - Karen Lee was elected to chair; November 21 will be the next drive location TBD; the committee discussed ideas to drive participation including prizes, partnering with other campus organizations, pick up and transportation for those that sign up in advance, possible sickle-cell blood drive
- Fall Open House - The committee discussed moving the location, getting outside donations for food, and possible dates of the event
- Public Outreach - Drew Glover was elected to chair; discussed future goals of the committee; possible activities include involvement with Suicide Prevention Week and Night Safety Walk, and volunteering at Children International football games

### **New Business**

- The Chancellor's leadership group met recently and Shanna reported on that meeting's highlights. The meeting featured enrollment consultants' recommendations, the Ottenheimer Library renovation plans, the plans for making the University Ave. corridor more community friendly, and the campus safety surge update.
- Staff Senate Shirts will be ordered soon. Shirts will cost \$10 per shirt. There is a minimum order of 20-24 shirts total.
- Ideas were solicited for potential UALR staff events such as a cookout, a talent show, or an after hours event.
- It was decided that the monthly meetings would feature more presentations like that from John Greer.

### **Open Forum**

- Sept. 8-12 is Suicide Prevention Week. There will be events and volunteer opportunities. Everyone was encouraged to do Kognito training, which can be found on the UALR Counseling Service's website <http://ualr.edu/counseling/kognito-at-risk-training-for-helping-students-in-distress/>
- The campus was recently informed that campus-wide paper recycling had ceased. It was proposed that the Issues and Concerns committee could look into starting that program again.
- At the time of the meeting, there were only 54 families who have connected their Kroger cards to Staff Senate. It was requested that senators please connect their cards to Staff Senate to help fund future activities. Arrayon Furlough volunteered to give a demo on how to connect one's card at the next meeting. <http://ualr.edu/staffsenate/kroger-cards/>
- Senators were invited to join the campus Toastmasters organization. Arrayon Furlough gave a brief overview of the club. <http://ualr.edu/staffsenate/class-act-toastmasters/>
- Jennifer Godwin proposed a "senator shout-out" to publically recognize senators that have done something noteworthy. Several senators were given a shout-out.
- Several senators volunteered to represent Staff Senate in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Chancellor Anderson nominated Staff Senate to participate.

### **Adjournment**

Jennifer Godwin moved to adjourn the meeting with multiple seconds. That motion carried and Shanna Morris called the meeting to a close at 11:26 a.m.