February 20, 2014

DSC Room D

**Call to Order**

Chelsea Ward, President Welcomed everyone to the meeting which she then called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Christopher Hickman Chelsea Ward Eric Battershell Alveno Smith Benson Chu Rikki Turner Shanna Morris Arrayon Farlough Drew Glover Jamie Jilka Armenta Lockhart Joshua Thomsen Valarie Abrams Linda Stipsky Thomas Redd Jr. Sabrenna L. Rodgers-Lee Jacqueline Willis Jennifer Godwin Sandra Bates Laura McClellan

**Reading of Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed by Staff Senate members. Jennifer Godwin moved to accept minutes, Sabrenna L. Rodgers-Lee seconded.

**Treasurer Report**

Balance $295.04

**Committee Report**

*Achievement Awards* – No Report

*Staff Awards* – Rikki Turner, after speaking with Priscilla McChristian (Chief of Staff) several times we have been given a line item in the UALR budget for the Staff Awards Ceremony. The amount is for $5000.00 and the committee will meet Monday (2/24/14) at 10 am to discuss event.

*Fall Open House* – No Report

*Helping Hands* – No Report

*Development* – No Report.

*Communication* – The form to promote Staff Senate events is ready, a 2-3 week notice is suggested. The committee is also requesting items for the Spring Newsletter.

*Blood Drive* – During January 22, 2014 Blood drive held in the Ledbetter room D and C 48 units of blood were collected. This is an awesome deal because our target was 42 units. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for April 18, 2014 at University Commons.

*Governance* – No Report

*Issues & Concerns* – No Report.

*Nominations* – Currently looking for a new program to collect nominations for Staff Senate members. With UALR restructuring the allocation of Senators will have to be shuffled.

*Professional Development* – Dave Ramsey seminar had to be cancelled, the Volunteer Facilitator has left UALR.

*Public Outreach* – No Report

*Restructuring Update* – No Report

**New Business**

Joshua Thomsen made a motion to amend the Staff Senate Bi-Laws and remove the NC/Non Faculty Grievance Committee. Arrayon Farlough second.

An open floor discussion took place concerning Staff Senate Bi-Laws about voting and notice given to Senators about a vote. It was recognized that the discussion took place in the January 16, 2014 meeting and that the discussion was omitted from minutes. Sabrenna Rodgers-Lee made a motion to amend to January 16, 2014 minutes to show the discussion. Jennifer Godwin second.

The vote to amend the UALR Staff Senate Constitution passed.

**Adjourned**

Chelsea Ward, President called the meeting to a close 10:40 a.m.