**UALR Staff Senate**

September 18, 2014

Donaghey Student Center room D

**Call to Order**

Shanna Morris, President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Roll Call**

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

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| Joshua Thomsen | Christopher Hickman | Louis Scivally | Jon Vickers |
| Thomas Redd Jr. | Matt Harrison | Drew Glover | Arrayon Farlough |
| LaShanda Miles | Valarie Abrams | Clayton Andrews | Sarah Travis |
| Jamie Jilka | Linda Stipsky | Sandra Bates Slaughter | Victor Carson |
| Jennifer Moody | Sabrenna Rodgers-Lee | Laura McClellan | Shanna Morris |
| Jennifer Godwin | Juanita Sherman | LaShonda Norfolk | Janet Dotson |
| Karen Lee | Rodolfo Morales | Leanna Payton | Tracy Collier |

**Treasurer’s Report**

Laura McClellan, Treasurer, reported on the financial standing of Staff Senate. There was $78.77 of expenditures ($24.20 for to Printing Services and $54.57 to Sodexo), and $261.87 income from Kroger cards. The ending balance was $1,958.86

**Reading of Minutes**

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed by Staff Senate members. An amendment was proposed to strike a mention of Kroger card income in the Treasurer’s Report in the minutes, and to add a presentation on Kroger cards by Arrayon Farlough to the meeting agenda. Drew Glover moved to amend both the minutes and agenda, Sabrenna Rodgers-Lee seconded, the vote carried and the amended minutes and agenda were accepted.

**Presentation on Kroger Cards**

Arrayon Farlough gave a presentation about how to link one’s Kroger card to Staff Senate. A percentage of every dollar spent by those with a linked Kroger card will go to Staff Senate.

**Committee Reports**

The following committees gave reports (committees not listed had nothing to report):

* Awards Ceremony -Tracy Collier was elected chairperson of the committee; the date for the ceremony is set for April 15; the committee is currently working on the logistics for hosting the event.
* Blood Drive - The next drive will be on November 21 in the Housing Commons, the committee is looking for volunteers.
* Communications - The committee is debating on whether or not to keep the Staff Senate Twitter account; the main focus will be on the newsletter and promoting events; the committee will continue the “Senator Sit Down” feature.
* Development - September 25 will be the first fundraiser of the school year with U.S. Pizza; the committee is planning the Fall Ball for the current semester and a trip to Oaklawn in the spring.
* Fall Open House - The event will be held on November 5 in DSC A & B, the online auction will be begin 30 days before the Open House.
* Helping Hands - The committee is researching how to best not have unclaimed baskets as there were last year; the committee is looking for volunteers.
* Professional Development - Sabrenna Rodgers-Lee was elected chairperson of the committee; the committee plans to update a previously used survey and send it out to the campus community to gauge staff preferences for workshops; the committee is working on hosting a Dave Ramsey workshop.
* Public Outreach - The committee is looking for volunteers to help with the concession stand at the Children’s International football team games.

**New Business**

* Shanna Morris reported that Article V as it is listed on the UALR website, does not reflect the current realities of Staff Senate; the word “Vice-President” should be replaced with the word “President-Elect” throughout the article and the Public Outreach Committee should be listed as a standing committee; in order to make these amendments to Article V, a vote will be held in the October general meeting; a quorum is needed to vote.
* Jennifer Godwin reported that Student Government Association and Staff Senate is planning a partnership to host some events; an ad hoc committee will be created to facilitate this; those on the committee will be Jennifer Godwin, Leanna Payton, Rodolfo Morales, Jennifer Moody, and Louis Scivally
* Shanna Morris reported on the last Chancellor’s Leadership Group meeting; the group plans on implementing a “College Scheduler” to help students with scheduling courses, UALR will make use of the Rave Guardian campus safety app; UALR has 40 new faculty members

**Open Forum**

* Clayton Andrews let us know about a fundraiser for scholarships at UALR; Leivas Coffee sold through the following link will result in part of the profit going to towards scholarships: <http://www.leivascoffee.com/ualr-matching-gift-program>
* There was a brief discussion about whether Staff Senate should change the blood collection organization with which it works to host blood drives; it was concurred that it would be beneficial to partner with other groups on campus to make sure that all campus organizations use the same blood collection organization.

**Adjournment**

Arrayon Farlough moved to adjourn the meeting with Jennifer Godwin seconding. That motion carried and Shanna Morris called the meeting to a close at 11:01 a.m.