

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2015 10:00 AM

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ROOM 622

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| ATTENDEES | Jarrold Breithaupt, Kelli Cole, Michael Davis, Kristi Davis, Jason Dunavant, Richard Duran, Amy Estes, Russell Hollis, Shelley Johnston, Meghan Mazza, Patricia Pate, Cyndy Robertson, Lindsey Wilkerson |
| ABSENT (EXCUSED) | Kyle O'Neal |
| ABSENT | Seth Hall, Whitney Sutherland |

Agenda topics

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| CALL TO ORDER | A regular meeting of the Staff Senate was held on Feb. 11, 2015 in the University Library Room 622 and called to order at 10:03 am by Michael Davis, SS President. A quorum was present. |
| MINUTES | <p>Minutes of the January 2015 meeting were reviewed by the committee. The following changes were requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fix Senator Johnston's name- Comma after Senator Cole and Staff Senate President Davis <p>Senator Dunavant moves to approve the minutes with changes; seconded by Senator Pate. Motion passed.</p> |

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| DISCUSSIONS | <p>Special Guest- President Nick Bruno:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Bruno acknowledges Senator Dunavant as young professional of the week for the News Star. Campus is continuing to do extremely well, lots of accolades. Recommends having Dr. Richters come in and discuss retention efforts. State of the University, we have to become better at retaining our students. We are losing 30-32% of our freshman class every year. We did not accept 400 students this past fall, we are being selective and not admitting just to increase enrollment figures. We want students to have a fair opportunity to make it. If they do not make it, it must be by their choice, not ours as staff and faculty. <p>Retention has arisen to approximately 85% compared to 75% in the previous years. We will continue to strive to enhance our retention numbers, it will add up over time. One semester makes a difference, but we have to stay</p> |
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