

Administrative Staff Council, Delta State University

August 7, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. | Union 302A

August Meeting

Members present: Kirk Mansell, Paula King, Collins Phelps, Holly Ray, Chair Amber Hays, Hayley Henderson, Holly Senter, Kelly Kirkland, Lauren Powell, Ray Wolfe, Brent Powell, Avis Neal, Mechelle Jones,

Members absent:

Call to Order/Welcome (8:32 a.m.)

Chair, Amber Hays

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Holly Ray, Seconded by Holly Senter

Program

Lauren Powell, BPAC Director took the floor and shared the Fall Series brochure with members and reminded everyone about the employee discount. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of the discount when possible. Asked for everyone to spread the word about the speakers and other shows. She is open to new ideas from any and everyone. Considering a Student Film Series and asked for fundraising ideas from everyone. Wanting to increase the student engagement aspect and will be offering movies that are tied to themed days (read a book day, mean girls day, etc). The movie showings would ideally be free to all students.

Spoke about the Ambassador program, not just for retirees. It is a volunteer opportunity for people of all ages to join. Get to see free shows, help people, sell tickets, etc. Also have a great Student worker program, great for international, DMI, students without a vehicle. They have RSE and Work Study positions available. Cross campus partnerships are another way to spread the word about the BPAC. Sculpture Garden is one of the largest in the South. Over 45 pieces in the permanent collection, adding 15 new ones now.

Looking to sell merch in lobby during BPAC shows, needing helpers.

First fundraiser will be a raffle for 2 tickets to a BPAC show of the winner's choice. Each Staff Council member needs to sell 5 \$20 tickets for this event. Last day to sell tickets is Sept. 7

Officers' Reports

- Chair, Amber Hays (2024-2025)
 - Cabinet advance met yesterday. Each unit set goals for their areas and presented them to cabinet. SC goals are: (1) review bylaws, looking for a chair for this committee, and will have 5 members total. Current members are Holly Senter. Have a week to decide if you want to be on committee; (2) Partnerships with other depts across campus; (3) Philanthropy: service day in Rolling Fork, partnering with Rolling Fork Rising to provide a day of service on October 24. Capped at 20 attendees, 10 SGA member and 10 SGA members. May 15th will be another Staff Council day spent in Rolling Fork; (4) Looking to increase the gives for the Food and Toy drives this year, encouraging everyone to get started early; (5) Staff Morale: low morale on campus, everyone is tired, has had a hard year, now looking how to better care for our staff, be it coffee and donuts, cake and punch events where staff can simply hang out and relax. (6) Fundraising opportunities, and sponsorship options.

- Wayne Blansett Staff Development Day for next year is May 16th, 2025.
- Starting a book club, will meet monthly
- Fleece Jacket fundraiser happening in September, aiming to keep the price around the \$30 cost
- Gimme Five fundraiser kickoff, asking every staff member to give \$5/month, this would solve much of our budget issues
- Chair-Elect, Holly Senter (2025-2026) no report
- Secretary/Treasurer, Lyle Cole absent
- Ombudswoman, FaDerricka Harvey no report
- Past Chair, Holly Ray (2023-2024) no report

Faculty Senate and SGA Reports

- Faculty Senate – Nora Gough Davis Faculty Senate President-Elect (2024-2025) absent
- SGA – Hayden Kirkhart, SGA President (2024-2025) absent

Committee Reports

- Salaries and Benefits, Heather Miller absent
- Incentives and Recognition, Jeff Johns absent
- Projects, Holly Senter no report
- Staff development Day, Nakikke Wallace absent

Old Business

None

New Business

Announcements

- August 15th Welcome Back Reception at The Warehouse sponsored by Cleveland Chamber of Commerce 5:00p
- August 16th Convocation 10:30-12:00p
- August 16th Event at the President's Home 5:00p
- August 17th Move-In Day 9:00a-2:00p
- August 17th Live on LeFlore from 5:00-8:00p
- August 21st BBQ Nachos on the Quad 5:00-8:00p
- August 22nd Employee Benefits Fair 10:00a-3:00p
- August 26th BSU Kickoff on the Quad 5:00-7:30p
- September 7th Pig Pickin'

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 am