



MEETING
BHSU Staff Senate

Monday, March 21, 2022 – 10 am

Call To Order – Meeting was called to order by the president at approximately 10:05am.

PRESENT: Aaron Bauerly, Scott Hanson, Melissa Hart, Roxanne Lewis, Ven Thompson, and Nancy Shuck

Guests: Debbie Liddick, Casey Medigovich, Julz Nielsen, and Prasanthi Pallapu

No minutes were approved in the absence of a quorum. Minutes of January 24, 2022, and minimal minutes for February 28 and March 21 will be approved at April's meeting.

BOR CSA Council Meeting:

The president of Staff Senate is still seeking a volunteer to attend the BOR CSA Council meeting – April 7 at 1pm at SD School for Blind and Visually Impaired, April 8 at 8:30 to wrap up meeting at 10:30 or 11:00am (perhaps at Northern State University). Nancy will provide an agenda once it is finalized.

Election of Staff Senators:

Nominations to date – we have one confirmed nomination for the President / Univ. Advancement / Univ. Marketing & Communications position. There is also a possible nominee for the Enrollment Management position. Nominees are still needed for Athletics, Facility Services, and Finance and Administration. Nancy and Aaron will work together on the procedure for the election and another call for nominees will be placed in the Campus eUpdate.

Committee or Officer Reports (if any):

The insurance open enrollment and informational meetings was briefly discussed by Nancy and Melissa Hart. An announcement regarding information came out in the BHR (SD Bureau of Human Resources) Member Benefits newsletter – go to

<https://bhr.sd.gov/presentations> to register. The in-person sessions did not see many registrations while the Zoom presentations did, so the BHR is canceling most in-person sessions in favor of Zoom or a taped presentation available on their website. This Open Enrollment will be a *passive* enrollment, meaning if your benefit choices are not changing, you do not have to participate in enrollment (your choices will remain the same). You *must* designate any amounts to contribute to Medical FSA, Dependent Care FSA, or Combination FSA during annual enrollment, however. Contributions to these accounts will not automatically roll over and your enrollment in them will be canceled if you do not participate.

Debbie Liddick gave a brief report on the strategic planning committee as making good progress toward a very good strategic plan for the university. The committee held an in-person two-day retreat recently with another scheduled for April and will produce the strategic plan as scheduled. More details will no doubt be forthcoming from President Nichols.

Aaron Bauerly reported the Provost Search Committee is scheduled to begin reviewing documents this week.

Debbie Liddick reported on the transition to Sodexo and changes planned for Dining Services. The design team will be on campus this week. Changes include a U-cook station (cooking lessons, students cook for themselves), Einstein's moving back to the library around July 24 with the Buzz Shack returning to that space in the Student Union with grab-n-go items, a grab-n-go market being installed in Bordeaux lobby with a LeBread Express (fresh baked items), a Starbucks individual-brew coffee machine, and an Asian express market (not sure of the spelling for the name of the last one). Scott Hanson and Gus Karinen are working on access for students with meal plans to Bordeaux. The transition to Sodexo will happen on July 1 with most, if not all, personnel transitioning from Aladdin to Sodexo. Sodexo HR will be on campus March 27 for paperwork. In the second year of the contract, Sodexo will introduce an electric food truck on campus.

Prasanthi Pallapu reported that 3 candidates have been identified for the Director of the Faculty Innovation Center. They will be coming to campus soon and the committee will send details as they can.

Announcements / Upcoming Events

A BHSU Preview Day will happen this Friday, March 25, on campus.

CONGRATULATIONS to Men's Basketball on an incredible run! The team will play tomorrow, Tuesday, March 22, at 1:30pm. The game will be streamed live with a link on the Athletics website or broadcast by Eagle Country radio (95.5 FM). A viewing party is scheduled for Club Buzz in the Student Union.

Staff Senate's next meeting is April 18, 2022, at 10am.