

MASON STAFF SENATE
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2016
12:00pm-2:00pm
Fairfax, Research Hall 163; SciTech, Bull Run Hall 254; Arlington, Founders Hall 119B;
703-249-8067

Members: Wajaht Ahmed, Stephanie Atkins, Lisa Bair, Susan Brionez, Rubi Chavez, Eric Fowler, Barbara Hill, Amanda Kennedy, Megan Kirk, Ann Moran, Jenna McGwin, Christopher Maier, Lindsey Olson, Lauren Reuscher, Nicole Roth, Christina Sanders, Tiffany Sandstrum, Dan Silver, Rebecca Stone, Al Underwood, Katara Wright

Absent with Notice: Andrew Bunting, Amanda Corrigan, Erin Iacangelo

Guest Speaker

Shernita Parker Director, Org Development & Faculty/Staff Coaching, Human Resources/Payroll, 12:00-12:30pm

President Cabrera, 1:00-2:00pm

Business Meeting:

1) **Call to order**

2) **Constituents' Time**

3) **Announcements**

a) From the Staff Senate

b) Committee Meetings

i) Events Committee Meeting

(1) Staff Appreciation Event

(a) Fairfax: January 11 in Dewberry Hall

(b) SciTech: January 17 in Bull Run Atrium

(c) Arlington: January 19 in the Multipurpose Room

(2) Toys for Tots

(a) Boxes on each campus. Last day for drop off is December 14.

(b) Two marines will pick up the toys at the Fairfax Campus Holiday Party and stay throughout the event.

c) From the floor

i) Budget Town Hall

(1) Christina: All questions were not asked from the list submitted which led to constituents asking Christina why their questions were not answered. Nicole: In moving forward, we should work on finding the answers and putting them in the public forum. Lauren: Questions are curated to make sure there is no overlap in the discussion or questions. We need to make it clear whether we are guaranteeing answers to people. Lindsey: The material presented covered some of the answers to the questions. Christina: Even if it was covered, we owe it to the person that submitted the question to ask it for them so they remain anonymous or send them a response from the presentation that answered their question. It may not be the best use of JJ or the Provosts time to ask them to repeat themselves, so maybe we follow up with questions directly.

ii) Andrew Bunting

(1) Had many concerns come through via Facebook, email, and voicemail. Elements of our Facebook page remain shut down. We were instructed to refer anyone to HR. Jenna had some concerns about how the University handled the issues

4) **New Business**

- a) Approve November 2016 Meeting Minutes
 - i) Will be approved in February
 - ii) Amanda will return on Friday, December 9
- b) Financial Statement Update
- c) January Meeting—No Meeting for January
- d) Town Hall
 - i) Separating Staff Appreciation Events from the Town Hall
 - ii) Will finalize Town Hall during Events Committee Meeting in January
- e) Changes
 - i) Education & Outreach Committee Chair
 - (1) Effective as of January, Lauren will step down as Chair of the Education and Outreach Committee. Lindsey and Stephanie will co-chair this committee as of January. No objections. Lauren is expecting a baby in the spring.
 - ii) Events Committee Co-Chair
 - (1) Christina has stepped down as co-chair of the Events Committee due to her job workload. As long as no one opposes, Christopher will co-chair the Events Committee with Katara. No objections.
- f) Update from the Chair
 - i) VP Committee Update and Changes
 - (1) VP Marketing and Communication is still vacant.
 - ii) Transition to new Chair
 - (1) Nicole will step down after the December meeting, and Megan will serve as chair for the remainder of the term. Loved working with the Senate and found it enlightening to see where the University tries to help us.

a) **Old Business**

- i) Toys for Tots

Adjourn

*Meeting documents

November Meeting Minutes
Toys for Tots Flyer
Financial Statement

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1; 12:00pm-2:00pm (Merten Hall 1201; SciTech, Bull Run Hall 254; Arlington, Founders Hall 119B; 703-249-8067)