

## Thursday, August 13, 2020

- **Call to Order**
  - Called meeting to order at 2:03pm by Carolina Galloway
  - Carolina thanked group for her new role and said excited for working with each person
- **Approval of July 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes**
  - Add attendance
  - Betty Stocker motioned to approve as submitted; Ronnie Hall seconded. All were in favor of approving.
- **Old Business:**
  - Blood Drive on July 17: How did it go? (*Betty*)
    - Second blood drive sponsored.
    - Betty reported good response; 26 participants.
    - Leo confirmed \$50 IDR for faculty or staff winner. Thanks, Leo. Winner is Hunter Hughes. Will send Beth Mowry Leo’s account number and to add to Hunter’s Buff ID.
  - Postponed: Discussion on *Relaxed Dress Code* and *Alternative Summer Schedule*
    - Carolina requested continue conversation soon, especially inclement weather, soon. At least by end of year, but summer can wait.
    - Tamara has the information and offered to send to Carolina, David said also in G:Drive
    - Carolina asked status – if Dr. Wendler had it. Conversation was post-poned due to COVID. Carolina will address when meets 1:1.
- **Staff Council Committees – Betty (VP)**
  - Treasurer and Scholarship (*Ashley*)
    - Ashley went over funds leaving. Specifically staff scholarships award.

- Betty asked if scholarships were awarded for only degree-seeking, no matter what number of degree.
- Approval of Treasurer's report
  - Leo Reid motioned to accept; David Wilson seconded; all voted in favor.
- Thank you letter from [Amanda Rogers](#)
  - Thank you letter for scholarship.
  - Carolina encourage communication and outreach committee to work on getting the word out about scholarships.
- Employee of the Month (*Betty*)
  - Went really well. Bucky big presence.
  - Betty asked about attendance number. Ashley encouraged recording the zoom, show login number. Records all comments. Proposed to have on the WTTV's across campus when recording.
  - Aug 24 for Sonja Young at 2pm
  - Thank you card from [Beth Mowry](#)
  - Found room to meet and be socially distant. Asked Jeff Mayo if president's office would mind if they did a pre-packaged snack, which was available as people left, also to encourage leaving. Less expensive than a spread, but help feel more celebratory. Jeff Mayo will let Betty know soon. Discussed small packaged snacks.
  - Ashley confirmed digital signage push of the zoom meetings. Put in big areas.
  - Should we ask for flyer with zoom information for EOM
- Staff Appreciation and Events (*Ronnie*)
  - Thanks for votes to Sweet Swipz for approval of funds.
  - Cancelled due to conflict. Meeting later to decide new date.
  - Menu – Smooth Dr. Pepper, Summer Lovin', Buttery Beer, Sweet Little Crannies, Bluebonnet Tea
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Street by Library. Look out for flyers
  - Carolina noted that we need to be sure to use the new logos on the flyers.
- Communication and Outreach (*David*)

- Have not met yet. Keeping up with EOM receptions right now.
- Intends for small committee to meet via zoom after Move-In and come up with social media strategy and resume did you knows, member Mondays, etc.
- Worked on Staff Council Website. Encouraged folks to look and make suggestions. Postcards for new employees – update every year. Maybe photo collage with headshots instead of group photo.
- Important that all staff know these meetings are open to everyone. Post ahead of our meetings that everyone is invited.
- Professional Development (*Jeff*)
  - Not present.
- Spirit (*Darcy*)
  - Haven't met yet. Meeting soon.
  - Homecoming will be big topic to talk about at meeting. Excited to get started.
- Election (*David*)
  - To knowledge, no one to elect.
- **New Business**
  - Staff COVID19 support initiative: ways in which we can provide support to fellow staff members who are somehow affected – see example: [link to TAMUS page](#)
    - A&M Staff council support. COVID not over, likely will be effected.
    - How do we feel about implementing a similar program with similar tasks to help staff members?
      - Example, delivering groceries to quarantined family.
    - Let's identify ways to offer help.
      - Example – copy we can make it happen as it is. Input for realistic project that can make an impact to help staff.
    - Open floor to discussion
      - Leo liked it, simple and straight to point.

- Carolina contacted A&M Staff Council for more information, no response yet.
  - Betty mentioned logistics and who does what. Carolina mentioned we would determine who did, or ask for other staff members to volunteer to help as well. For example, volunteers by location and preferred activity. Betty asked if request would come to specific email and who would monitor that. Leo asked about participation. Would it be campus wide, or a specific group, or another committee within staff council? Presented the problem that may be people who live in other areas and may be farther away than realistic. Have a list of things to offer as places for help. Carolina mentioned working with Well WT.
  - Will be some limitations, which are established on the A&M website as well. If we are in the capacity to do, worth a try, but keep limitations in mind. If more issues than helping, not going to succeed.
  - Maybe form a small committee, 3-4 people. Need to do something and see what the needs are.
  - Carolina opened floor to volunteers
    - Betty, Darcy, Tamara, Carolina, Barbara, and Beth
    - Even helping in other ways; creative for graphics, whatever.
- **Announcements**
- Faculty & Staff Virtual Convocation & All Staff Service Awards – August 17
    - Live portion and series of videos. Thanks for working with Rik. Ready to introduce new staff council members at convocation.
  - Move-in day – August 18, 19, 20: please consider volunteering
    - If you haven't volunteered, please do so. Sign up at [wtamu.edu/movein](http://wtamu.edu/movein) ; need lots of people. Things changed because of COVID. Encourage office to volunteer.
  - Others?
- **Adjourn**

– Carolina called meeting to a close at 3:03PM

<i>2019-2020 Staff Council Member</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>EEO Category</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Meetings Attended Since July 2020</i>
Betts, Abigail “Abby”	2022	EEO 3	Y	2
Broughton Kendra	2020	EEO 5-7	Y	2
Castagnetta, Tamara	2021	EEO 3	Y	2
Eller, Ashley	2020	EEO 4	Y	2
Ellis, Sandra	2022	SSC	Y	2
Galloway, Carolina	2021	EEO 1	Y	2
Glenn, Dane	2022	EEO 3	Y	2
Green, Ryan	2022	SSC	Y	2
Hall, Ronnie	2021	EEO 3	Y	2
McIntosh, Berlin	2022	EEO 4	N	1
McMeans, Zach	2022	EEO 3	Y	2
Melcher, Dana	2021	EEO 1	Y	2
Reid, Leo	2022	EEO1	Y	2
Paschel, Alyssa (Candice Copelin)	2021	EEO 3	Y	2
Riggs, Cindy	2021	SSC	Y	2
Stocker, Betty	2021	EEO 4	Y	2
Sulik, Jeff	2021	EEO 1	N	1
Webber, Darcy	2022	EEO 3	Y	2
Wilson, David	2020	EEO 3	Y	2
Yildirim, Taryn	2022	EEO 4	Y	2