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**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER**  
**STAFF SENATE**

Regular Meeting VIA ZOOM  
Thursday, November 5, 2020

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>
Ex-Officio Members and Provost Designees	Jeffery Cooper, Carrie McClain, Colin Fonda	Bobbie Beirne
Executive Committee	Nancy Geiger, Joseph Schmidt, Eulean Hollis, Theresa Lander, Carol Clure, Kelli Dyer	
Guests	~29 guests	
Group I	Brenda Fox, Mark Ellis	
Group II	Stephanie Ward	Callie Barton
Group III	Elizabeth Charles, Dana Aduddell, Candace Peak, , Angela Kulhanek, Alicia Brown, Kayla Pullan	Evan Blackburn, Dawn Kent, SuAnn White, Jennifer Burks
Group IV	Sharon Vasquez	Gloria Renuae
Group V	LaDonna “Dondi” Hunter, Jennifer Richardson	
Group VI	Shelley Genzer, Ashley White	
Group VII	Shannon McConnell, Linda LaFevers, Christina Alyea, Joel Miller	Angela Russell
Group VIII	Tyson Grgurich, Ellen James, Luke Viles	Misty James
Group IX	Sylvia “Krystin” Corrujedo, Keri Harjo, Sarah L. Smith, Sara Dean, Amanda Kern, Joe Young, Paige Ryan, Cameron Collins, Kerrie Lemons, Michael Robinette	
Group X	Heidi Petitt, Wanda Felty	Devin Newsom

**Guest Speaker: Alfred Hollis, Director of Veterans Corner, Inc.** shared an informative presentation on “*Veterans Helping Veterans*”. Veterans Corner is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, whose primary mission is to offer ongoing support and services to the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces. Veterans Corner has a facility located in Newcastle and serves ALL Oklahoma veterans who need help. The facility is currently closed due to the pandemic, but they are still serving their clients remotely. They offer many different services including helping veterans complete paperwork and obtain the benefits they are entitled to, help with obtaining medical equipment, a food pantry, finding

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housing and many other things. During normal times they hold social activities and events and offer fellowship and meeting places, and volunteer opportunities. Veterans Corner is on Facebook and has a webpage: facebook.com/Veterans Corner Inc., and veteranscornerok.org. Monetary donations are always needed, but Mr. Hollis emphasized the most important thing we can do is to be sure and tell any veteran we meet about Veterans Corner and encourage them to reach out.

**Call to Order:** The business meeting was called to order at 10:36 am by Nancy Geiger, Chair.

- I. Approval of Minutes:** The October meeting minutes were emailed to the Senators after the meeting and they were approved without change.
- II. Treasurer's Report:** Eulean Hollis presented the September Treasurer's Report. We had income of \$10 and our ending balance was \$8952.56. This report was emailed to Senators after the meeting and it was approved with a slight modification, but there was no change to the income or balance reported.
- III. Staff Senate Spotlight:** Nancy Geiger presented the November 2020 HSC Staff Senate Spotlight.
  - Shannon McConnell, is a Risk Management Coordinator for Enterprise Risk Management.
  - Shannon is an OU graduate, played flute in the "Pride of Oklahoma" marching band and is a huge Sooner fan!
  - Shannon says, "Staff Senate creates a sense of community for me and I enjoy being part of my two committees (Community Outreach and Staff Events) because it allows me to meet and get to know new people from around campus. I would love to see more and more people become involved with Staff Senate and Staff Senate Communities".
  - Shannon has two dogs and a guinea pig, loves to cook and bake, try new restaurants and coffee shops, and spend time with her family.
- IV. Committee Reports:**
  - a. Committee on Committees:** Nancy reported that we have one Senator vacancy in the College of Medicine. We also have a vacancy on the Executive Committee due to a resignation. The open position is for Chair-Elect for the remainder of the 2021 term and then serve as Chair 2021-2022.
  - b. Communications Committee:** The Communications Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month. We are currently exploring options for a newsletter format and promotional materials.

Please send any events that you want to post to our social media pages. Nancy can also include them in SS announcements. Be sure and check out our social media pages!
  - c. Community Outreach Committee:** This committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 10-11 am, virtual meetings indefinitely by Zoom.
    - In October, our committee filled all of the volunteer spots for the mobile Food Pantry.
    - Our October campus "thank yous" were delivered to Employee Health and the Parking Office near the end of October.
    - Our November project is to collect and fill 16 backpacks with small gifts and personal items for the Child Study Center to distribute to their clients for Christmas.
    - Please continue to save pop tabs and coupons for Troopons! "Troopons" are the Manufacturer's Coupons for our Overseas Troops.

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**d. Employee of the Month Committee:** *Please encourage nominations in your departments! We NEED nominations!*

- **November 2020: George Schmerer**, Captain with the OUHSC Police Department.

**e. Employee Recognition Committee:** No report.

**f. Fundraiser Committee:** Committee meets the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30am.

- We sold 350 Bedlam T-shirts!
- Holiday fundraisers: Crockstar Dinner Club (this one has ended) and See's Candies can be ordered for delivery through December 4, 2020.

**g. Staff Events Committee:** Leslee Smith reported that the October pumpkin decorating had to be cancelled due to the ice storm. An alternative event has been scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> for a Fall craft event.

**V. Unfinished Business:** We did not have any unfinished business to discuss.

**VI. New Business:** Nancy Geiger updated us on the Mobile Food Pantry on campus. In October, we distributed 600 boxes of food. The distribution will continue through mid-December.

**VII. Announcements:**

2021 Benefits: Open enrollment is October 19 - November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Shared Leave:

Donation Eligibility: You may donate any amount so long as your remaining Paid Leave Balance is at least 50% of your Annual Accrual Rate. If you have someone in your department that rolls over hours consistently to their extended leave, please consider providing them an application.

*It is a selfless act to help a fellow employee in dire need – even one hour helps!*

Fidelity is offering retirement planning appointments virtually.

The campus Angel Tree Project has started.

In-person health screenings are taking place on campus and don't forget to check out Livewell OU workshops offered virtually and online Magellan presentations (available on demand) about physical and mental well-being.

Don't forget to check out our social media pages and stay safe!

**VIII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am. Our next Staff Senate meeting will be held on December 3, 2020 at 10:00 am via ZOOM. A link will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Lander, Secretary