**Staff Senate General Meeting Minutes**

**9/8/20**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Microsoft Teams**

Present: M. Brown, G. Gates-Fowler, P. Hallman, J. Peterson, D. Pollock, A. Ratz, A. Ruiz, K. Sellers, B. Vojnovic, T. Wilds, B. Harris-Johnson, D. King, and W. Jennings.

**Guest Speaker – Ernest Ferraresso, Associate Program Director, for Cyber Florida**

* Oversees the Center’s partnership program working with industry, academia and the private sector to collaborate on projects.
* Works with government and law enforcement to support cyber programs.
* Retired U.S. Marine Intelligence Officer.
* Internet not originally designed with security in mind. The Chinese are stealing intellectual property. The Russians try to alter elections. The electrical grid can also be affected.
* Cyber Florida is currently working with the Secretary of State to helps secure the election process.
* Late 1990s was the emergence of social media. This is where people get information and shape and shift that information.
* There were 25K unfilled cyber security positions in Florida.
* Position Florida and its related workforce as the national leader in cybersecurity through **education**, **research**, and **community engagement.**
* **Education:** Increase the number of cybersecurity professionals
* Increase Florida’s K-12 cybersecurity pipeline.
* Increase the number and quality of cybersecurity-related degrees, grads, and jobs.
* Provide and support continuing professional/vocational education.
* **Research:** Contribute to the state-of-the-art in cyber research
* Expand, accelerate, and target Cyber Florida grant programs.
* Enable and incentivize statewide cyber research funding and collaboration.
* Shape Federal cybersecurity research funding to create more opportunities for Florida.
* **Engagement:** Make Florida the most ‘cyber secure’ state
* Improve the cybersecurity of Florida-based public and private sector organizations.
* Improve the ‘cyber hygiene’ and online safety of Florida’s citizens.
* Increase Cyber Florida’s influence and impact on public policy.
* **Governance**
* **Re-imagine, re-energize Cyber Florida Governance**
* Elevate status of SUS Governing Council, BOA to drive agenda
* Expand role of Academic Leadership Council, Academic Liaisons
* **Expand influence with state-level officials**
* Provide tech, policy support to state cyber task force, DMS, CISO
* Target Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Secretary of the Department of Management Services for joint initiatives
* **Develop, implement joint initiatives with BOG**
* Statewide metrics for cyber-related degrees, grads, etc.
* Seat on Advisory Board
* **Staying Safer Online**
* **Update** your computer operating system (such as Windows) and antivirus application regularly. Make sure software applications are up to date.
* **Be cautious** of emails, text messages, websites, apps, and phone calls asking for personal information, payment, or some type of time-sensitive action. Cybercriminals are using all these techniques to infect computers and steal data.
* **Use unique and strong passwords** and multi-factor authentication. Using unique passwords for each account helps protect your other accounts should one of your passwords become compromised. Multi-factor authentication (such as sending a code to your phone) adds another layer of security.
* **Use your organization’s virtual private network (VPN),** if provided. Virtual private networks provide a secure connection between your device and your organization.
* **Phishing scams**- target seniors 65+ and the immigrant community. These groups as not as digitally savvy. Kids are vulnerable as well. Millennials tend to overshare their information online.
* **Resources**
* CyberFL.org
* Fraudsupport.org
* FBI and FDLE
* CISA

**President – M. Brown**

* S. Louis-Jeune had surgery recently. We’re still working on the missing QQA emails.t
* S. Howle accepted the position as University Wide Chair. We still have two vacant co-chair positions.
* Pcard working to move forward an getting the Treasurer Pcard access.
* Will meet with President Currall in October.
* Formed a subcommittee to review our bylaws.
* Will work to collaborate and network with the Black Faculty and Staff Association.

**Vice-President – K. Sellers**

* Working on the Staff survey. Will send out to the Senators today.

**Secretary – W. Jennings**

* A motion was made by K. Sellers to accept the August minutes. B. Vojnovic seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Treasurer – T. Wilds**

* USF is still working on the budget.
* Dollars for Staff Scholars - $2,087.43.
* E&G - $3,110.00.
* Carry Forward - $6,000.00.
* Concession Fund - $675.00.

**Sergeant at Arms – P. Hallman**

* Have 20 signed contracts. Sent to the President’s Office for signatures.

**Parliamentarian – B. Vojnovic**

* Nothing to report. Congratulations on her pregnancy!

**Committee Reports**

* **Communications – A. Ruiz / G. Gates-Fowler**
* IT request to get M. Brown, K. Sellers, and our student assistant, Javier access to the website.
* We have another student assistant that is a graphic designer. Will help with flyers for QQA, Dollars for Staff Scholars, and our general Senate flyer.
* Reaching out to check on updates for our logo.
* Have each senator make a quick video of ours yourself in support of our students for a virtual Support-a-Bull. Our student assistants will help to compile them.
* Send in Senate Spotlight information.
* **QQA – S. Louis-Jeune/C. Bartell**
* See notes under the President.
* **Senate Operations – B. Deen**
* S. Howle accepted the position as University Wide Chair. We still have two vacant co-chair positions.
* **Staff Morale – B. Harris-Johnson**
* Zoom lunch gathering. Decorate our space and wear our Senate shirt.
* Please send your birthday to B. Harris-Johnson. This will not be posted on our website due to security concerns.
* **University Wide – vacant**
* Will have a November speaker. October will be President Currall.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy S. Jennings, Secretary