**A&S Staff Council Meeting Minutes – 4/2/2020**

The April meeting of the A&S staff council was made optional because of the added stresses of COVID-19 on staff work schedules and workspaces. The meeting began at 10:00am via Zoom, and the following council members were present: Chris Gurtcheff, Drew Lane, Alycia Sullivan, Andrew Fast, Becca Roark, Chris Miller, Camille Harmon, and Kyle Manley. Luci Lucas was also in attendance.

**Voting:**

* With a quorum present, the group voted unanimously to induct Luci Lucas into the council. Congratulations!

**Mental Health:**

* A brief discussion was opened to address the physical and mental well being of the council members. Member experiences with working remotely have been mixed but successful overall.

**Outstanding Staff Awards (OSA):**

* For the time being, OSA are still scheduled for the End of July
* The council is watching the status of ‘Staff Appreciation Day’ and may alter the OSA date based on that
* OSA is still scheduled to take place in the Student Center, with Aramark Catering
	+ The budget will be discussed in the coming months
* OSA nominations are slated to open on Friday, May 1st to give extra time for nominations
	+ Drew and Becca will be sending the link to the old nomination form so the council can review it
	+ Earlier nominations will allow the council to work on the physical awards earlier

**Website Changes:**

* Because of the added stresses around COVID-19, a proposal was made to update the council website
	+ One idea involved a ‘rolling newsletter’ of updates around the college
	+ Another proposal was made for reiterating Human Resources ideas on healthy living
	+ Two additional light-hearted topics were also proposed
		- The Pets of A&S
		- Home Hobbies

**Digital Staff Connection:**

* Because social distancing rules are in place, a discussion was opened on ways the staff could still connect
	+ Virtual ‘Happy Hour’ akin to what the Staff Senate has hosted
	+ Trivia Night via Zoom
	+ Virtual Bingo or midday flash break bingo
		- Winners of Bingo could be mailed a T-Shirt