**Staff Senate General Meeting**

**4/14/20**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Microsoft Teams**

**Call to Order – S. Howle**

**Speaker: Devona Pierre, Affirmative Action Officer, Office of Inclusion and Equal Opportunity**

* Works with investigations and Title IX.
* Explained about the office and the different areas within the office.
* Discussed affirmative action training.
* Search committees.
* We must stay in compliance.
* Also works with the President’s Advisory Council.
* Email any questions to dfpierre@usf.edu.

**COVID-19 and Budget Questions**

* We never got the $18 million for pre-eminent status.
* State of Florida is not generating revenue at a normal pace, so we are facing a significant loss.
* Faculty and upper administration may be taking a temporary pay cut.
* Early retirement? What is the Board of Governor’s saying regarding this?
* Do we have Staff Senate contacts at the University of Florida?
* University of Florida does not have a staff senate. University of West Florida does.

**Dollars for Staff Scholars Scholarships**

* We have $75 per applicant available for scholarships. A motion was unanimously approved to pay $75.00 to each of our nine applicants.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy S. Jennings, Secretary