

**NOTES FROM STAFF COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2000**

President Romo:

Pleased to see the caliber of good people working on behalf of UTSA represented on the new Staff Council. The work of the Council needs to be an overall team effort. Thanks on behalf of the entire University community. He will always be supportive. If assistance is needed, contact him or Tomas Larralde, Special Assistant to the President.

The University is committed to attaining flagship status as an institution and will need the support and dedication of the staff. The plan is to lift the university to new heights quickly and become the institution of first choice. Staff support is integral and makes a tremendous difference to the students. Recently he has heard very positive statements from the community and minimal complaints.

David Larson:

Will be available to assist the Council in any way. Can meet with the executive officers if requested. Is an advocate of staff organizations. Formed a staff group within the Business Affairs area when he became VPBA. Advised that the responsibilities of staff council members is two-fold - participate and discuss issues within their meetings and then communicate information to others in their areas.

David Gabler:

Explained how the terms of office would be determined and the need for the process for this year only. In order to be electing half of the members each year and not having a complete turnover every two years, members of this original council must draw for one or two year terms. Drawings were held for terms and entered into the roster.

John Poindexter pointed out that those who drew a "one-year term" would actually serve a "six-month" term. They would, therefore, not be eligible to serve as officers. During the following discussion, it was recommended the Council could amend the bylaws and change the date of the next election. This would allow everyone to run for office. This recommendation passed unanimously.

David Gabler and Anne Jimenez conducted the elections of officers:

Nominations for Chair:

Bettie Karter - declined
Fred Hample - declined
Debbie Perez - declined
Patti Cutler - accepted

Paula Vernick - declined
John Poindexter - accepted
Terri Reynolds - accepted
Alven Stewart - declined
Ursula Wheeler - accepted

John Poindexter elected as Chair

David Gabler raised the issue of whether to turn the elections over to the new chair or have the Implementation Committee conduct the remainder of the elections. It was decided unanimously to have the Implementation Committee continue with the elections.

Eligible Nominations for Chair-Elect

Bettie Karter - declined
Cristina Pena - declined
Terri Reynolds - accepted
Debbie Riley - declined
Paula Vernick - accepted
Ursula Wheeler - accepted

Terri Reynolds elected as Chair-Elect

Nominations for Secretary/Historian

Brenda Barron - declined
Patti Cutler - declined
Linda Edmundson - declined
Bettie Karter - declined
Janice Kramer - accepted
Rita Marquez - accepted
Deryl Martin - declined
Sharron Pacheco - accepted
Debbie Riley - accepted
Paula Vernick - declined
Ursula Wheeler - accepted

Janice Kramer elected as Secretary/Historian

Nominations for Parliamentarian

Brenda Barron - accepted
Curtis Crimiel - declined
Linda Edmundson - declined
Patti Cutler - declined
Fred Hample - accepted
Deryl Martin - declined
Rita Marquez - accepted
Cristina Pena - accepted

Sharron Pacheco - accepted
Debbie Riley - accepted
Brenda Stevens - declined
Alven Stewart - declined
Diana Smith - declined
Beverly Smith - declined
Paula Vernick - declined

Brenda Barron elected as Parliamentarian

David Gabler introduced the new officers of the UTSA Staff Council and presented the Parliamentarian with a copy of Robert's Rules of Order. He then turned the meeting over to John Poindexter, new Chair of the Council.

John Poindexter initiated discussion was held about scheduling the next meeting. He recommended that the Council meet in December since there was immediate business to conduct. The Council members agreed to have a meeting in December. This meeting will be on Wednesday, December 6, 2000, 3:30 p.m., location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned.