



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE STAFF COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2005

The eighth regular meeting of the Staff Council for the academic year 2004-2005 was held in the University Room (BB 2.06.04) at 8:30 a.m. with Venetta Williams presiding.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance.

Members present: Rebecca Alvarez, Kim Brandt, Antreshawn Buhl, Lachelle Dixon, Patricia Dunn, Suzy Gray, Ann Roberts, Dee Russell-Terrell, Anne Speights, Mary Lou Spillers, Rosalinda Stead, Velma Tristan, Steve Wagner, Venetta Williams.

Members absent: Lisa Blancas-Olivares, Chris Chipps, Maria Espericueta, Fred Hample, Elnora Kennedy, Minnie Martinez, Carolyn Motley, Carmen Ortegon, Cindy Orth, Trish Roberts, Sonia Saenz, Don Swinson, Roger Terry.

II. Minutes of the February 24, 2005, meeting were reviewed. A quorum was not present to approve the minutes.

III. Opening Remarks:

Venetta Williams reminded all who volunteered to help decorate for the staff awards to meet in the Retama Room.

Karen Cataldo contacted Venetta about talking to the Staff Council about the smoke-free workplace proposal. Suzy Gray clarified that this was a task given them by the Vice President for Student Affairs to study whether the campus is willing to move toward a smoke-free workplace. There are currently four options, and Karen would like to present the different options to the Staff Council and the Faculty Senate.

Venetta reported on the Employee Advisory Council meeting held last month at UT Pan Am. She will e-mail information to the council members. Venetta asked that the members review the information and submit comments so she can take back to the EAC meeting in July. Venetta is on the Policy Committee and has been tasked to work on a program for whistleblowers at the UT components. She will review what the UTSA compliance office currently has in place.

IV. Report of the Executive Board Activities

No report.

V. Committee Reports

A. Communication Committee: No report.

B. Employee Benefits/Compensation Committee: No report.

C. Elections Committee: No report.

D. By-Laws Committee: Cindy Orth will do a PowerPoint presentation at the next meeting to discuss the by-laws.

VI. Old Business

The Staff Council photo will be postponed. A recommendation was made to take an annual photo at the new members reception at the August meeting.

VII. New Business

Dee Russell-Terrell asked about increasing the tuition assistance available for UTSA employees. After a discussion on the issue, the council members recommended the issue be revisited with Mr. Kennedy and Dr. Romo for a possible increase in the budget that might allow an increase in benefits from 6 hours per year to 12 hours per year (6 per semester). Venetta asked council members to e-mail her their comments on this issue.

VIII. Next meeting: May 26, 2005, BB 2.06.04 (University Room), at 8:30 a.m.

IX. Meeting adjourned.