



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE STAFF COUNCIL MEETING OF November 17, 2005

The third regular meeting of the Staff Council for the academic year 2005-2006 was held in the Campus Recreation Center Studio Orange at 8:30 a.m. with Cindy Orth presiding.

I. Call to order.

Members present: Stephanie Barlow, Kim Brandt, Chris Chipps, Veronica Cortez, Sharon Cropper, Patti Dunn, Maria Espericueta, Laurie Gay, Monica Glover, Amie Guerrero, Elvira Jacquez, Belinda Munoz, Carmen Ortegon, Cindy Orth, Derrick Ozuna, Rachel Pullen, Trish Roberts, Shirley Rowe, Dee Russell-Terrell, Billy Simmons, Anne Speights, Rosalinda Stead, Melissa Tenberg, Velma Tristan, Lori Zerr

Members absent: Lachelle Dixon, Edna Dominguez (excused), Nancy Ekstrom (excused), Janie Garcia (excused), Sabina Kapoor, Minnie Martinez, Blanca Muniz (excused), Steve Wagner

II. Assembly for group photograph.

III. Minutes of the October 27, 2005, meeting were reviewed and approved.

IV. Old Business

A. Cindy Orth discussed how it may be difficult if Staff Council members are enrolled in more than one of our committees and explained the need for committee commitment.

B. Cindy Orth gave details on her discussion with President Romo about holdups on the construction of both the central UTSA roadrunner statue and the UTSA fountain.

C. Cindy Orth commented on how issues presented to Staff Council should be reviewed prior to voting to ensure they are actually Staff Council issues. If not, these issues may instead be directed to the Handbook of Operation Procedures or to various official campus offices.

D. Cindy Orth informed us that the Employee Advisory Council has acknowledged receipt of the three issues we had recently brought forth to them.

V. New Business

- A. Cindy Orth proposed that we officially state that the committee chair term is on a year-to-year basis. This was voted on and approved.
- B. As there was a vacancy for Chair of the Elections/Membership Committee, we called for nominations for this position. The newly elected Chair is Dee-Russell Terrell.
- C. Elvira Jacquez reminded us about UTSA's first annual diversity showcase event.
- D. Billy John Simmons thanked us for cooperating with the recent fire marshal's visit to our respective departments.
- E. Melissa Tenberg reminded us of the upcoming pilot fitness program for staff.
- F. Patti Dunn proposed inviting vice presidents to visit Staff Council during the 2006-2007 year as a campus-wide event. This was voted on and approved.

VI. Staff Council Committees

- A. Employee Benefits/Compensation Committee, with Veronica Cortez as Chair: Shirley Rowe has been elected this committee's Vice-Chair.
- B. Communications Committee, with Elvira Jacquez as Chair: The Staff Council website is being revamped, to be more user-friendly and approachable.
- C. Elections/Membership Committee: They are discussing protocols for elections.
- D. Fund Raising Committee, with Melissa Tenberg as Chair: Discussed obstacles in the process for raising funds. Will discuss opportunities for spending raised funds.
- E. Bylaws Committee, with Monica Glover as Chair: Will be submitting recommendations to be re-reviewed.

VII. Next meeting: December 15, 2005, at the Downtown Campus (Durango Building, Southwest Room – DB 1.124), at 8:30 a.m.

VIII. Meeting adjourned.