



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE STAFF COUNCIL MEETING OF February 23, 2006

The sixth regular meeting of the Staff Council for the 2005-2006 academic year was held in the Durango Building Southwest Room at 8:30 a.m., with Cindy Orth presiding.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Lachelle Dixon, Patti Dunn, Maria Espericueta, Janie Garcia, Amie Guerrero, Sabina Kapoor, Belinda Munoz, CeCe Ortegón, Cindy Orth, Derrick Ozuna, Shirley Rowe, Corinne Sabo, Nina Sosa, Anne Speights, Rosalinda Stead, Melissa Tenberg, Steve Wagner, Lori Zerr

Members absent: Stefanie Barlow (excused), Kim Brandt, Chris Chipps, Veronica Cortez (excused), Sharon Cropper, Edna Dominguez, Laurie Gay, Minnie Martinez, Blanca Muniz (excused), Rachel Pullen (excused), Trish Roberts (excused), Dee Russell-Terrell (excused), Billy John Simmons (excused), Velma Tristan (excused), Maria Villarreal (excused)

II. Forum with Dave Kapalko & Jane Wilcox from the Department of Parking & Transportation

Presentation on how spring 2006 construction will affect UTSA parking. A version of this presentation may be viewed at the following website:

<http://www.utsa.edu/parking/Construction%20Presentation%20for%20web.ppt>

Four major construction projects will affect 1,503 parking spaces.

Any staff member interested in serving on a newly-created Parking focus group committee should contact Cindy Orth, who can then forward those names to the Parking office.

A new effort from the Parking office will involve providing more latitude with parking violations.

Another new effort from the Parking office will involve hiring more full-time staff to assist with parking issues.

Efforts made to improve parking for large events: There is a need for events planners to coordinate these efforts with the shuttle services.

Possibilities for improving the lots at the ITC Center: This will be focused on soon; Parking is trying to provide the best parking that UTSA is willing to pay for.

Why does parking at University Heights not require parking permits? Since this is leased property, no permits are required.

Why is there no shuttle to the University Heights location? Such a shuttle would raise overall parking rates.

What system of checks and balances is being applied to verify that UTSA has sufficient parking spaces for persons with disabilities and that these spaces are in appropriate locations? One problem is that many of these individuals do not identify their parking space needs to the University.

III. Minutes of the January 26, 2006 Meeting Reviewed & Approved

IV. Opening Remarks

The Foresters organization has donated \$1,000 to Staff Council's scholarship fund.

V. Old Business

The last Staff Council meeting was very successful; it included a breakfast hosted by President Romo. This one-on-one with the President was a great experience that we could try for in future years.

VI. New Business

Suggestion that we meet with various other UTSA vice presidents, possibly in June.

Issue of possibly providing discounts to staff at the on-campus dining facilities. This issue would have to be brought to the attention of the Office of Business Services.

VII. Staff Council Committee Reports

Employee Benefits/Compensation Committee, with Veronica Cortez as Chair: This committee plans to meet soon.

Communications Committee, with Rosalinda Stead as Chair: (1) Our website will include the group photo that received the most votes. (2) One possible suggestion would be where individual Staff Council members' duties in the council are summarized.

Elections/Membership Committee, with Dee Russell-Terrell as Chair: This group will meet soon to discuss ballots and timeframes for elections. Volunteers may be needed for the elections process.

Fund Raising Committee, with Melissa Tenberg as Chair: (1) Seeking volunteers to assist with a meeting with the Foresters group, possibly in April. (2) An ice cream social is being considered, to raise funds for our scholarship. (3) We are invited to email Melissa to create a database of UTSA alumni who currently work at UTSA.

Bylaws Committee, with Steve Wagner as Chair: This group plans to meet soon.

VIII. Next Meeting

March 23, 2006, in the Campus Recreation Center (Studio Blue) at the 1604 Campus at 8:30 a.m.

IX. Meeting Adjourned