



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE STAFF COUNCIL MEETING OF April 26, 2007

The eighth regular meeting of the Staff Council for the 2006-2007 academic year was held in the Recreation Center at the 1604 Campus at 8:30 a.m., with Patti Dunn, Chair, presiding.

Call to Order

Members present: Bradley Chandler, Veronica Cortez, Sharon Cropper, Gwendolyn Drake, Patti Dunn, Maria Espericueta, Roy Garza, Sarah Gonzales, Carol Gonzalez, Minnie Martinez, Belinda Munoz, Cindy Orth, Derrick Ozuna, Shirley Rowe, Dee Russell-Terrell, Nina Sosa, Anne Speights, Melissa Tenberg, Velma Tristan, Todd Wollenzier

Members absent: Stefanie Barlow (excused), Kim Brandt, Carlita Contreras, Janie Garcia (excused), Laurie Gay, Sabina Kapoor (excused), CeCe Ortegon (excused), Rachel Pullen (excused), Susan Sandoval (excused), Amy Strong (excused), Cissy Thorpe, Maria Villarreal (excused)

Minutes of the March 29, 2007, Meeting Approved

Old Business

We selected a group photo to be used on our website.

New Business

We voted for Council member Shirley Rowe to assume the duties of Staff Council website coordinator.

Report of the University Assembly Meeting, by Patti Dunn

The Council received a positive reception in regards to our water sales fundraising. Due to inclement weather, advancements in Parking are slowing but should soon be on course again. The university has compared its faculty salaries to those of other similar institutions, and our salaries are at a good level.

Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee, with Cindy Orth as Chair: Preparing for committee meetings.

Communications Committee, with Sabina Kapoor as Chair: Preparing for committee meetings.

Elections/Membership Committee, with Dee Russell-Terrell as Chair: Preparing for committee meetings.

Employee Benefits/Compensation Committee, with Veronica Cortez as Chair: The Texas Med Clinic is now participating with UTSA's medical insurance plan. The committee received feedback as to the possibility of having an on-campus doctor or physician's assistant. Planning to research the feasibility and procedures for conducting a broader survey to university staff.

Fundraising Committee, with Melissa Tenberg as Chair: Looking into the procedures of selling other items in the future for fundraising. In order to increase our Council's budget for next year, we are looking into creating a subcommittee that will develop a budget plan.

Issues Committee Report, with Shirley Rowe as Chair: Regarding stolen parking permits, the Parking office is looking into creating staff parking stickers to reduce these thefts. Regarding concerns of dissatisfaction over a proposed 2.5% cost-of-living increase, which was discussed at the recent Employee Advisory Council meeting, it is important to note that UTSA usually participates in a separate, merit-based exercise using different percentages. Regarding a concern that some staff employees are using disabled parking spaces for visitors, and the fact that these displaced visitors are having to park at far distances from certain buildings, this concern will be forwarded to the Parking office.

Next Meeting

May 24, 2007, in the Durango Building Southwest Room, at the Downtown Campus.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes prepared by Derrick Ozuna, Secretary/Historian.