



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE STAFF COUNCIL MEETING OF
June 28, 2007

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

Call to Order

Members present: Bradley Chandler, Patti Dunn, Sarah Gonzales, Carol Gonzalez, Belinda Munoz, Cindy Orth, Derrick Ozuna, Dee Russell-Terrell, Nina Sosa, Velma Tristan, Maria Villarreal, Todd Wollenzier

Members absent: Stefanie Barlow (excused), Kim Brandt, Carlita Contreras, Veronica Cortez (excused), Sharon Cropper (excused), Gwendolyn Drake (excused), Maria Espericueta (excused), Janie Garcia (excused), Roy Garza, Laurie Gay (excused), Sabina Kapoor, Minnie Martinez (excused), CeCe Ortegon, Rachel Pullen (excused), Shirley Rowe (excused), Susan Sandoval (excused), Anne Speights (excused), Amy Strong, Melissa Tenberg (excused), Cissy Thorpe

Minutes of the May 24, 2007 Meeting Acknowledged (Pending a Quorum for Approval)

New Business

Our new vice chair, from our online election process, is Sarah Gonzales.

Open benefits enrollment is during the month of July.

Legislature has increased premium sharing to 95%.

Legislature did not pass across-the-board raises.

The salary structure for classified staff has moved up by 2.5%.

There is a crossing guard at peak times near the intersection beside the Business Building.

It may be beneficial to send letters to various vice presidents, to let them know when our meetings are scheduled, for improved planning processes. Also, it may be beneficial to add council meetings to the university's online academic calendar.

The university may be adopting a time-card system, for areas with hourly or non-exempt employees.

Old Business

Regarding the UTSA Ally Program initiative to establish a new center on campus, the chair will inform this program that, based on the consensus of the Staff Council, we have decided not to endorse this initiative.

Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee, with Cindy Orth as Chair: The Staff Council's membership numbers are becoming skewed: Originally, as each new academic year would begin, it was intended that the council would keep roughly 50% of its members and gain 50% from new members. However, due to extensive vice-presidential area restructuring during previous years, we will have a very small number of continuing members when the 2007-'08 year begins. Maybe, as a one-time event, our bylaws can change to adjust this trend. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

Communications Committee: Preparing for committee meetings.

Elections/Membership Committee, with Dee Russell-Terrell as Chair: Due to time constraints, we are grateful for the assistance from a group from University Heights offices, who helped with the distribution of nomination ballots this year.

Employee Benefits/Compensation Committee and Issues Committee, with Veronica Cortez and Shirley Rowe as Chairs, Respectively: Effective immediately, these two committees will merge as one single committee for the remainder of the year.

Fundraising Committee, with Melissa Tenberg as Chair: Preparing for committee meetings.

Next Meeting

July 26, 2007, in the Frio Street Multipurpose Room, at the Downtown Campus.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes prepared by Derrick Ozuna, Secretary/Historian.