



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE STAFF COUNCIL MEETING OF September 27, 2007

The first regular meeting of the Staff Council for the 2007-2008 academic year was held at the Recreation Center in the Recreation Studio room at the 1604 Campus at 8:30 a.m., with Sarah Gonzales, Chair, presiding.

Call to Order

Members present: Paula Castillo, Allegra Castro, Brad Chandler, Sally Crouser, Gwendolyn Drake, Patti Dunn, Sarah Gonzales, Carol Gonzalez, Steve Hemphill, Brent League, Sherry Lindsey, Alegra Lozano, Cindy Orth, Derrick Ozuna, Sharron Pacheco, Elba Ramos, Shirley Rowe, Maria Roberts, Susan Sandoval, Frank Segura, Anne Speights, Jennifer Storm, Melissa Tenberg, Cissy Thorpe, Andrea Watts

Members absent: Carlita Contreras, Roy Garza, Cece Ortegon (excused), Dee Russell-Terrell (excused), Amy Strong, Lisa Talcott (excused), Brenda Tamayo (excused), Donna Ware (excused), Todd Wollenzier (excused)

Minutes of the August 9, 2007 Meeting Approved with Changes

Elections of Executive Board Members

The following were elected for this year's vacant executive board positions:

Vice chair – Derrick Ozuna

Secretary/historian – Alegra Lozano

Parliamentarian – Bradley Chandler

Call to Vote for the Expansion of the Definition of the Compensation/Benefits Committee

We voted that this committee's definition should be expanded and its title changed to "Employee Relations." Also, we voted to transform this committee into a subcommittee of the Issues Committee.

Elections of Committee Chairs

The following were elected for this year's vacant committee positions:

Communications – Gwendolyn Drake

Bylaws – Steve Hemphill

Fundraising – Melissa Tenberg

Issues – Carol Gonzalez

Elections/Membership – tabled until the next Staff Council meeting

Call to Vote to Make the Vice Chair as a Permanent Fixture to Represent Staff Council at University Assembly

We voted to have the vice chair as a permanent representative.

Report of the State Employment Charitable Campaign, Presented by Jennifer Storm from External Affairs

The SECC runs from October 1 through 19. Ice cream socials will be held from October 1 through 3 to kick off the campaign.

Old Business

Shirley Rowe, as chair of the Issues Committee, reported that all issues from last year have been closed with the exception of the time entry issue which was to be addressed by Barbara Centeno at the August meeting. Barbara was not able to attend that meeting so the questions presented by the staff member were answered, but a follow-up presentation from HR is still needed.

New Business

There was an issue where a staff member was ticketed for having a 2006-07 parking permit on August 22, without receiving the same kind of grace period as in the past. This issue will be forwarded to the attention of the Parking & Transportation office.

There was an issue where a visitor – who was also a person with disabilities – was ticketed for parking in an area designated for staff. We will speak to the Parking & Transportation about this for clarification.

A staff member requested to know if there was an evaluation process – making comparisons with other universities – when the Recreation Center created its Wellness Program. This was forwarded to the Issues Committee.

A staff member requested to know if there is a construction timetable for all the work at the John Peace Library. This has been forwarded to the Issues Committee.

A staff member requested to know when the Position Management system will be applied to DEFINE appointments. This situation has been delayed until possibly October 2008, and we can revisit it that time.

Next Meeting

October 25, 2007, in the Recreation Center Studio Rowdy, at the 1604 Campus.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes prepared by Derrick Ozuna, outgoing Secretary/Historian.