The University of Texas at San Antonio
Summary Minutes of the Staff Council Meeting
September 22, 2011

The first regular meeting of the Staff Council for the 2011-2012 academic year was held at the UTSA Main Campus in the University Center Harris Room (UC 2.212), and was called to order at 8:32 a.m. with Chair Christopher Goldsberry presiding.

Members present:
Alegra Lozano, Anne Jackson, Annie Maynes, Belinda Dovalina, Blanch Torres, Christi Fish, Christopher Goldsberry, Cié Gee, Cynthia Davis, Cynthia Orth, Eric Cooper, Jennifer Lozano-Lowe, Jerry Smith, John McGee, John Shaffer, Juan Noval, Laurie Long, Robert Rosas, Robin Diamond, Shannon Rios, Steve Kudika, Vanessa Davalos, Venetta Williams, Vicki Weber and Victoria Cruz

Members absent (excused):
Anne Macintosh Speights, Carey Eagan and Gregory Frieden

Members absent (unexcused):
Alfonzo Villarreal, Diane Cordova, Gloria Harris, Henrietta Vasquez, Joleen Reynolds, Ray Gonzales and Shirley Rowe

Minutes from previous meeting:
Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by majority vote.

Election of 2011-2012 Officers
- John McGee was unanimously elected Parliamentarian.
- Shannon Rios was unanimously elected Secretary.
- Gregory Frieden and Vicki Weber were nominated for Vice Chair. Vicki Weber was elected Vice Chair by majority vote.

Presentation

UTSA’s State Employee Charitable Campaign, Tri-chairs Irene Maldonado, Maria Holloway and Nikki Lee

The tri-chairs of UTSA’s 2011 State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) joined Staff Council to promote the upcoming campaign. Discussion highlights:
- The campaign runs October 1-31, 2011. Online donations are preferred, although paper donation forms are available for those who need them. No fees are added to donations.
- Last year, the SECC raised $912,000. UTSA raised $254,000 of that total.
- This year’s goal is to raise $260,000 and achieve 90 percent participation at UTSA.
This year’s campaign includes a kick-off event on Oct. 3 at the Main Campus with President Romo, who will recap last year’s campaign and recognize departments that achieved 100 percent participation.

The SECC calendar of events is online.

The SECC committee is collecting books now through October 16. Drop them off in SECC boxes. Call one of the tri-chairs if you need a box.

There is no talent show this year.

A new initiative this year is “Step into Action,” an SECC initiative supported by Campus Recreation. The initiative allows people to support SECC by getting fit. Participants must commit to exercising 150 hours and donating a minimum of $20 to SECC through a personal donation or pledges.

If you are passionate about a charity, share the reason with your colleagues and encourage them to donate. You can also share your story with the tri-chairs for UTSA Today and other communication vehicles.

New Business

Staff Council BLAST, Christopher Goldsberry

The fall issue of BLAST will include:

- a feature on the vice chair
- a list of new Staff Council members
- a brief on the SECC
- a brief recap of President Romo’s 2011 State of the University address
- a recap listing Staff Council’s 2010-2011 accomplishments

Presentation

“The Creative Leader,” Gage Paine, VP for Student Affairs

Dr. Paine divided the Staff Council into four groups to discuss the following questions:

- What does leadership mean for a Staff Council?
- What do you need to do to achieve that?

- What is creativity?
- What do you need to do to help others be creative?

Key discussion items included building 360-degree relationships, getting others involved, responsibility, knowledge acquisition and sharing, education and empowerment of self and others, and adopting a big picture (30,000-foot view) attitude.

Key take-home messages:
Dr. Paine reminded the Staff Council that it works in an organization made up of people, and people have strengths and weaknesses. She encouraged the Staff Council to choose its battles
and focus on improvement in the places where it can be most effective. She also reminded Council members that there is more than one way to achieve a desired end result.

Reminder
All members must sign up for at least one committee before the October meeting.

October Meeting
Staff Council’s October 27 meeting will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the University Center Harris Room (UC 2.212) on the UTSA Main Campus.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Christi Fish, Outgoing Staff Council Secretary