Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2018

The tenth regular meeting of the UTSA Staff Council for fiscal year 2017-2018 was held at the Main Campus in the BSE Multipurpose Room, BSE 2.102. The meeting was called to order at 8:00am, with Elisa Perkins (Chair) presiding.

Members Present: Monica Bowden, Jaime Fernandez, Daniel Garcia, Linda Lankford, Amanda Perez, Elisa Perkins, Elba Ramos, Brandi Raschke, Sarah Soulek, Steven Stewart, Suzanne Stokes

Members Absent (Excused): Marcela Cabello, Linda Martinez, Lindsay O’Day, Cindy Orth, Kendra Pittman, Jeffrey Ragsdale, Sheryl Robisheaux, Robin Sanders, John Shaffer, Venetta Williams

Members Absent (Unexcused): James Borrego, Ben Campos, Orlando Cantu, Andrea Chavez, Erbey Garza, Paul Lozano, Anne Peters, Shashi Pinheiro, Jason Vasquez, Frederick Wiedner

Chair Announcements:
- Elisa said that interviews are underway for the Vice President for Information Management & Technology search. The candidate is expected to be selected this fall.
- Elisa said that an email will be sent to all Staff Council nominees to verify if they accept their nomination and asking them why they would like to serve on Staff Council. “Meet and greets” with nominees are scheduled for this week.
- The use of “Marketplace” for the Staff Council emergency fund was voted on and approved electronically by the executive committee last month.
- Staff Council voted to approve a motion to modify elections in order to show A&P employees within their own VP area (and not as a stand-alone area on the ballot).

Group breakout sessions:
- Staff Council members divided up into groups to brainstorm ideas/activities for next year on the following committees -
  - Service/Social
  - Communications
  - Health & Wellness
- These ideas were incorporated into next year’s planning calendar.

Calendar planning:
August – New members selected
September – Staff Council retreat (9/7); Welcome newsletter; Tabling to promote events
October – Welcome event (The Block?)
November – Fundraising event (11/9?) Tie in to home football game?
December – Newsletter (mid-year report) to everyone on campus; Tabling to promote events (at annual President’s breakfast?)
January – MLK March
February – Social event
March – Caesar Chavez March; Day of Service (3/2); Newsletter highlighting spring events
April – Support Fiesta events; Tabling to promote events
May – Great Staff Appreciation event; Strikes for Scholarships
June – Strategic planning; Newsletter; Corporate Cup
July – Strategic Planning; Elections
*Each month will also include Free Friday and Rowdy Walk

Other Announcements:
  ∗ Andrea Chavez gave an update from the Budget and Finance taskforce – calculations have been created that will apply the proposed new budget model to current expenses for the upcoming year. Units have been divided into revenue, support, and auxiliary. The President’s taskforce website has more information on the new budget model as well as a video from the June 26th town hall that was conducted on campus. The video includes commentary from various representatives from other institutions that have implemented a new budget model.
  ∗ Next meeting: TBD (August)

Closing
  ∗ Meeting adjourned at 10:20AM