

U.T. DALLAS STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2005

Green Center Commons

9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Andy Aquatero, J. B. Barnes, Paul Bogan, Donna Bomnskie, Sandy Burdine, Tina, Butterfield, Daniel Calhoun, Deborah Day, Kris Faulk, Lee Ann Fitussi, April Gauer, Sandee Goertzen, Barbara Gordon, Gayle Holt, Fatiah Lambert, Carol Lanham, David Maldonado, Kent Mecklenburg, Ramona Metcalf, Kathy Meyer, Sandra Mitchell, Trudy Muller, Alex Nestor, Wendy Newton, Judy Patterson, Rochelle Pena, Betty Roth, Mary Ann Routzahn, Keith Stelzenmuller, Doug Vass, and Sandra Zemcik

Members Absent: Christina Braxton, Lisa Garza, Karen Jarrell, Betty Loy, Cleon Ramey, Margie Robbins, Randy Sims, John Terrell, John Turner, Volya Wilds-Helm

EX OFFICIO: Robert Nelsen

Chair Sandee Goertzen called the meeting to order.

Guest Speaker: Sgt. McMillan of the UT Dallas Police spoke to the Council about CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team). CERT is a volunteer program on campus and the goal is to have 100 people trained by the end of next year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 9, 2005. The motion passed.

Reports:

Executive Committee: Ms. Goertzen reported the Executive Committee met on March 2 and discussed all items on the agenda.

Margie Robbins has moved from District 1 to District 7 and is a member at large. Judy Patterson will take Margie's place in District 1. Karen Jarrell from District 3 and Donise Pearson from District 7 have resigned.

Ad Hoc Election Committee: Sandra Zemcik has volunteered to chair this committee.

Ms. Goertzen read from the guidelines regarding attendance at Staff Council meetings. Beginning in October 2005, a roster will be sent with agenda.

Dr. Daniel is on campus today. He will be on and off campus until June 1.

CARE Award: The CARE Award signs are ready to be posted. The signs need to be picked up March 31.

Treasurer's Report: Gayle Holt reported there is \$2,479.08 in our state fund, \$7,126.00 in the scholarship fund and \$1,722.00 in the designated fund.

Benefits Committee: Doug Vass reported there was no meeting.

Communications Committee: Alex Nestor reported there has been no meeting since the Newsletter was distributed.

Fundraising Committee: Rochelle Pena reported the net profit from Balloon sales was \$954.50. \$285.30 was received for small ink jet cartridges and \$421.80 was received for large cartridges. There are still fifteen boxes that have been shipped and enough for fifteen more ready for boxing.

There was also \$50.00 received for cookbook sales.

Staff Development: Kent reported the committee met on February 17. The Dedication plaque should be finished soon and a bid has been received for the Staff Council history plaque. They went to the index created by Debbie Jestor given to us by Pat McEachern and Kent is getting together a report on suggestions, additions, and omissions to be given to Pat.

The committee discussed their involvement in the Health Fair and voted to participate in some capacity. They are waiting for the date to be firmed up and more information from Wendy.

Kent purchased more easels.

Wellness Committee: Wendy Newton reported the committee met February 25 and talked about the March 18 lunch and learn wellness seminar. Flyers were given out for posting.

The first annual health fair will be April 18th and 19th. The committee has gone out for bids and Wendy's first choice is Cover Tech. There will be about ten different booths for health screening checks. Door prizes will be given away.

Faculty Senate: Dr. Nelsen reported that the Board of Regents voted to reject UT Dallas' request for tuition increase. New proposal required by March 10.

The House rejected the formula funding bill which is good news for UT Dallas.

Senator Shapiro's bill, which would allow UT Dallas to be a stand-alone institution, has hit a snag. UT Arlington is fighting the bill. Dr. Nelsen said that Dr. Daniel will be president for a day at UT Arlington and their president will come to UT Dallas for a day.

Mid term grades for students have been approved.

Dr. Daniel is on campus today and will meet with Deans. Dr. Daniel wants a strategic plan in place as soon as possible. He also wants replacement positions filled as soon as possible.

Parking and Security Committee: No meeting. Appeals continue to be received.

Campus Facilities and Oversight: No meeting.

Safety Committee: There were no student injuries. There was one report of an employee receiving an electrical shock. There was a report of a trash can fire in the School of Management.

The safety showers were being checked.

Low level radiation material was being moved because of Founders renovation.

Women's Center: The quarterly meeting was held February 21 and discussion centered on scholarship money received from Generation X project. The eligibility, application and financial needs forms were drafted. There was also discussion about upcoming programs. March has been dedicated to women's history month.

On March 31 there will be an extreme measures tour. This is public education effort sponsored by the National Council of Women's Organization and eating disorders coalition. It was address pressures women face.

New Business:

Ad Hoc Election Committee: Chair Sandy Zemcik has a budget request of \$350.00 to be used in the upcoming Staff Council election. A motion was made and seconded to give Sandy \$350.00 for envelopes, mailing labels, copy paper. The motion passed.

Retiree Volunteers: Retirees are ready to volunteer and would like the Staff Council's assistance in getting the word out. Ms. Goertzen suggested an article in the newsletter and the retirees are working on the article. Ms. Goertzen requested two retiree volunteers for March 8. One cancelled due to illness and one came in for three hours and was able to get the project done. Sandee would strongly recommend using the volunteers. Tina Butterfield, who is the retiree liaison, reported that if volunteers were wanted, e-mail her and she will get in touch with the retirees.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Muller
Recording Secretary/Parliamentarian
April 7, 2005