

U.T. DALLAS STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2005

Green Center Commons

9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Jacob Abraham, Andy Aquaturo, J. B. Barnes, Tina Butterfield, Daniel Calhoun, Deborah Day, Kris Faulk, Lee Ann Fitussi, Lisa Garza, Sandee Goertzen, Barbara Gordon, Gayle Holt, Jacqueline Long, Betty Loy, David Maldonado, Kent Mecklenburg, Ramon Metcalf, Kathy Meyer, Sandra Mitchell, Trudy Muller, Alex Nestor, Wendy Newton, Judy Patterson, Rochelle Pena, Cleon Ramey, Margie Robbins, Mary Ann Routzahn, Randy Sims, Keith Stelzenmuller, Doug Vass, Nadira Zakhidova

Members Absent: Donna Bomnskie, Christina Braxton, Sandy Burdine, April Gauer, Fatiah Lambert, Carol Lanham, Betty Roth, Kayety Rowlett, John Terrell, John Turner, Volya Wilds-Helm

EX OFFICIO: Robert Nelsen, Claire Occhipinti

Chair Sandee Goertzen called the meeting to order.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Wildenthal, Executive VP and Provost spoke to the Staff Council updating what is happening on campus and in Austin. The State Legislature is in special session to deal with school finance.

Twelve temporary classrooms are being put up north of Hoblitzelle Hall. There will also be space converted for faculty in Green.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 11. The motion passed.

Reports:

Executive Committee: Ms. Goertzen reported the Executive Committee met on June 1 and discussed all items on the agenda.

This will be Betty Loy's last meeting. She now works for UTSW Medical Center.

Vice President of Business & Finance: Dr. Wildenthal is chair of the search committee and Sandee Goertzen is the Staff Council representative on the committee. The committee will begin reviewing applications the latter part of July.

Orientation: New representatives to Staff Council will attend an orientation session August 10 before the regular monthly meeting.

Dr. Daniel will speak to the Staff Council in July.

Treasurer's Report: Gayle Holt reported there is \$1,406.65 in our state fund, \$3,314.36 in the scholarship fund and \$5,626.00 in the designated fund.

Benefits Committee: Doug Vass reported two issues will be brought up in New Business. The Committee's next meeting will be June 10.

Communications Committee: Alex Nestor reported the Staff Council website has been updated to show CARE awardees and election results. The next newsletter will be discussed at the Committee's next meeting June 9.

Staff Development: Kent reported the Peer Mentoring Program is still being discussed.

Mark Mitchell of the IT Department spoke to the committee about CAPTURE which is an educational program.

The Callier school supply drive is in an early stage.

Fundraising Committee: Rochelle Pena reported that a check for around \$400 is in the mail for ink jet cartridges.

Wellness Committee: Wendy Newton reported the committee did not meet in May. Discussion of another lunch and learn Wellness Seminar as well as flu shots will be discussed at the June meeting.

Faculty Senate: Dr. Nelsen thanked everyone who worked on the sub-committee reports. Dr. Daniel is still looking forward to having the Strategic Plan done by Sept. 1.

The TRS bill passed in that the last five years of salary will be averaged for pension rather than three years.

Senator Shapiro's bill passed. This enables UT Dallas to compete with other universities.

There is no longer a cap on freshman numbers.

Parking and Security Committee: There was no meeting but appeals continue to be received.

Campus Facilities and Oversight: No meeting.

Safety Committee: Kent reported they are still trying to get a physical plant person on the committee.

Student injury reports are still not being received.

No ADA issues since last fall.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 29.

Women's Center: Barbara discussed two items from the last quarterly meeting.

1. Rec classes will be tripling for the fall.
2. Scholarship guidelines are still being discussed about the Generation X money received.

The next quarterly meeting is in September.

Insurance: Claire Occhipinti is a member of the Systemwide Insurance Advisory Committee which meets three times a year and Claire will start reporting to Staff Council items important to the staff. She had a draft of the meeting minutes and talked to us about some high points.

No plan design changes to UT Select. However, there will be a 9.4% increase in premium and premium sharing.

A twenty-four hour nurse hotline is being added.

Effective 9/1 if there is a family status change; i.e. marriage, spouse loses job, etc, evidence of insurability is no longer needed. This is being done to ease us into a one plan program. This will probably be the last year for HMO.

New Business:

Scholarship Recipients: Doug Vass reported there were nine employee applications for scholarships for \$2,250.00. Approval is needed for this expenditure.

A motion was made and seconded to fund the nine scholarships at \$250.00 each totaling \$2,250.00. The motion passed.

Election Results: David read the results of the election.

District 1: Sarah Hernandez
Rochelle Pena

District 2: Pat McEachern
Doug Vass

District 3: Sue McInis

Jach Ross

District 4: Marilyn Bechtol
Jessica Brown
Beverly Brown

District 5: Karla Perez
Lynn Hovatter
Richard McMillan

District 6: Rene Herrera
Carol Lanham
Trudy Muller

District 7: Irene Marroquin
Kent Mecklenburg

Toner Cartridge Recycling: Rochelle reported the program has been very successful having made \$2,000 -\$2,500 for a 12 month period. This has also become a burden to Rochelle's department and committee. Rochelle proposed a change in the way ink jet cartridges are collected. She proposed representatives become responsible for cartridges in their respective districts and deliver the cartridges to 3.726 in the Engineering Building.

This is open for discussion and if there are any suggestions, please pass them along to committee members.

Fee Waiver – Registration: It was brought to our attention at the May Staff Council meeting that the recipients of tuition waivers are not allowed to get into classes on a first come first serve basis.

A motion was made and seconded that the Chair of the Staff Council make the following recommendation to the President of UT Dallas allow the recipients of tuition waivers be allowed to get into classes on a first come first serve basis as any student. The motion passed.

Suggestions:

Suggestion 2005-012-Parking: A motion was made and seconded to send this back to the suggestor to be put in the form of a suggestion. The motion passed.

Suggestion 2005-013-Plastic Bag Recycling: Motion made and seconded to send this to Physical Plant. The motion passed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Muller
Recording Secretary/Parliamentarian
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