

Official and Approved Minutes

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U.T. DALLAS STAFF COUCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2008

TI Auditorium ECSS 2.102

9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Metta Alsobrook, , Kristen Blakely, Lynne Boyer, Laurie Brown, Corina Cantua, Tysh Coleman, Darlene Coppage, Chris Dickson, Erin Dougherty, Mary-Margaret Echevarria, Chaney Edwards, Arturo Elizondo, Kris Faulk, Colter Fleming, Robert Hamilton, Patrice Holt, James Hubener, Tommi Ivey, Kimberly Kentfield, Carol Lanham, Tom Lee, Jacqueline Long, , Tricia Losavio, Irene Marroquin-Bellatin, Lin Maute, , Roxanne Minnish, Randi Mogul, Judith Patterson, Gaby Perkowski, Loreen Phillips, Rena Read, Tara Riall, Brenda Seifi, Holly Shumake, Douglas Shedd, Lori Skillestad

ABSENT: Carole Abbott, JB Barnes, Ed Bennett, Caroline Crossley, Lisa Garza, Michelle Long, Remona McLain, Rebecca Murry-Duncan, Kathy White

GUESTS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Chris Dickson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

A quorum was established.

3. **MEETING MINUTES**

Motion was made by Roxanne Minnish to approve minutes and second by Rena Read.
Motion carried.

4. **GUEST SPEAKER:**

Special Topic: Beer/Wine in the Pub: Presentation by Steven Rosson.
After the presentation and ensuing open discussion, the Staff Council voted to support and endorse the proposition with regulations in place.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. Executive Board report given by Chris Dickson
- b. Staff Council attendance: Ms. Losavio reported no issues
- c. Secretary/Treasurer's Report presented by Chris Dickson
- d. Benefits Committee: Benefits Committee Meeting Report was attached to the packet of materials handed out and Ms. Skillestad added that she had brought a LCD frame and was evaluating 512 Mg memory card.

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- e. Communications Committee: Ms. Ivey reported that articles for the SUN were needed by Friday, December 12th
 - f. Development Committee: Ms. Patterson reported not enough in attendance for quorum at November meeting. December meeting scheduled for Dec. 11th.
 - g. Fund Raising Committee: Ms. Coppage presented summary report and pointed out that 256 plants had been sold for \$1,037.70 profit. She did mention that some had reported the plants had been disappointingly small and the vendor stated the plants vary from year to year.
 - h. Wellness Committee: Ms. Minnesh reported on Brown Bag in March on Ways to Stay Motivated. She announced the program “Live Healthy/Dallas” and the Walk with the President to emphasize the University’s support for the Wellness initiative on February 3rd at 11:00 a.m. They will meet at the TI Auditorium and walk to the Administration Building where they will receive a free pedometer and then return to the TI Auditorium for free drinks and snacks. The suggestion for free gym memberships was discussed. A response will be prepared to let people know the cost is very minimal when compared to any other exercise type facility...only \$16.25 a month with payroll deduction. The committee will try to get the story out to our constituents of the opportunity afforded to the staff with this facility and all of the classes available to them.
 - i. The UT System Employee Advisory Council: Chris Dickson reported no meeting this month.
 - j. Faculty Senate Report: Dr. Murray Leaf announced that the Wellness Initiative is now a University-wide project. He suggested that the Fall Forum Reports be consolidated into a report for students, faculty and staff. The Staff Council emphasized the importance that staff issues must be heard and may want to continue as a separate event.
 - k. Student Government: Steven Rosson stated that there would be a diverse committee on the beer and wine proposal and suggested that three staff members be on the committee. Mr. Rosson mentioned they were planning for homecoming week and would include a day devoted to health with free blood pressure checks and heart/health awareness plans such as vendors from Chartwell giving away food.
 - l. Retired Faculty/Staff Association: Sandee Goertzen reported on the planned social events and that they are working on By-laws for the organization.
 - m. University Committees:
 - i. Parking and Transportation Committee: Chris Dickson made the following observations: Parking in Waterview is a huge problem after hours. There needs to be a way to get a pass after hours. Rutherford will be closed and Lot K is going away.
6. Old Business:
- a. Child Care – no report
 - b. E2E Connection: Chris Dickson relayed Ms. McEarchen’s statement that E2E is a “go to” place for staff with questions and needing assistance but it is not a staff mentoring program.

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- c. Fall Forum: Chris Dickson reported that it went “fairly well”. He did state that this was the biggest event of the staff council for the staff at UT-Dallas and was not happy with the attendance of scholarship and CARE Award recipients. There was a discussion about how to let winners know they are expected to attend this event.
7. New Business
- a. Suggestion _____ will go to Pete Bond and Dr. Jamison
 - b. Travel Vouchers
 - c. Coffee on December 16th – open to all districts. Contact Tonja Kirkwood-Brown if you would like to attend.
 - d. Liza Garza announced Homecoming and asked for staff participation in the Door Decorating Contest and participation in the Parade.
 - e. Chris Dickson made an announcement that this would be his last year to serve as President and to be considering who would be a good candidate or if you would like to be a candidate for this office next year.
8. Adjournment: J.B. Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Doug Shed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.