

Unofficial and Unapproved Minutes

These minutes are disseminated to provide information to the UTD Staff Council. They have not been approved by the body in question and, therefore they are not official minutes.

UT DALLAS STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2011

ECSS 2.102

9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Paula Austell, Lydia Blackwell, Lynne Boyer, Drew Brown, Lynn Butler, Darlene Coppage, Natalie de Leon, Sharon Edwards, Arturo Elizondo Jr., Lisa Garza, Nancy Hong, Carol Lanham, Wendy Newton, Jennifer Orme, Rochelle Peña, Chelsea Posey, Sheila Rollerson, Chelsea Villareal, Victoria Winters, Melissa Wyder

ABSENT: Katrina Adams, Daniel Calhoun, Yolande Evans, Colter Fleming, Kimberly Kentfield, Michelle Sancen, Mary Jo Venetis

GUESTS: Betsy Albritton, Denise Cooper, Dena Davis, Sandee Goertzen, Karah Hosek, Stephanie Iverson, Jay Jascott, Murray Leaf, Betty Maldonado, Lin Maute, Troy McFarland, Howard Medlock, Sandra Mitchell, Suzanne Potts, Carrilaine Schneckner, Tracey Tatum

1) CALL TO ORDER

Staff Council President Rochelle Peña called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2) WELCOME TO VISITING NEW REPRESENTATIVES

Newly elected representatives introduced themselves.

3) ROLL CALL

A quorum was met.

4) SPEAKER: DR. CALVIN JAMISON

Dr. Jamison provided an overview of campus enhancements and building construction progress for FY11. Discussion also took place regarding PeopleSoft and Gemini issues. Dr. Jamison encouraged everyone to e-mail him and Wanda Mizutowicz with concerns or examples of the system problems.

5) CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to representatives whose term on Staff Council is expiring: Katrina Adams, Lynne Boyer, Darlene Coppage, Yolande Evans, Lisa Garza, and Michelle Sancen.

6) SANDEE GOERTZEN AWARD

The Sandee Goertzen Award for the Outstanding Staff Council Member of the Year was presented to Lisa Garza.

7) MEETING MINUTES

Drew Brown moved to approve the July 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes as distributed. Paula Austell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. EXECUTIVE BOARD (Rochelle Peña)

Ms. Peña reported that the Executive Committee selected individuals to represent the staff for the University Committees and is awaiting confirmation

from the individuals before announcing the names. Staff Council orientation for new representatives took place this morning in the Osborne Conference Room.

- b. ATTENDANCE REPORT (Darlene Coppage)**
Ms. Coppage presented the attendance report and reiterated the importance of attendance at Staff Council and Committee Meetings.
- c. BENEFITS COMMITTEE (Daniel Calhoun)**
Mr. Calhoun was not present to report. Ms. Peña brought forth the rewritten Policy D2-200.0 QUANTITY OF WORK RULE (FOR EMPLOYEES ATTENDING ACADEMIC CLASSES AT UTD) for approval. Victoria Winters made a motion to approve the rewritten policy, Carol Lanham seconded. A vote was taken and the rewritten D2-200.0 approved. Ms. Peña will present the modifications to the HOP Committee.
- d. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Lisa Garza)**
Ms. Garza reported that the current Communications Committee will send out a SUN Newsletter at the end of August or beginning of September.
- e. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (Paula Austell)**
Ms. Austell reported that the Fundraising Committee received a \$125.00 check in July for the Ink Cartridge Recycling Program. A gift basket has been prepared to give to the Facilities Management Team that collects and sorts the cartridges. Polo shirt preorders with cash or check payment will be accepted through today. Staff Council representatives will be notified when Credit Card payments will be accepted for shirt orders. Jail N' Bail will take place at the Cometville Carnival on August 24th from 2:30-4:30 in the mall area outside the Student Union. Prizes will be given to the Faculty/Staff member and student who raises the highest bail donations.
- f. STAFF DEVELOPMENT (Carol Lanham)**
Ms. Lanham reported that the Committee met in July. The E2E Mentoring program is currently at a standstill due to the amount of time staff is spending on the PeopleSoft Implementation. The Committee will check with the Women's Center and the Office of Diversity to see if there is a mentoring program in place that may be able to meet the need.
- g. SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT (Jami Miller)**
See attached Financial Report for month ending July 31, 2011.
- h. FACULTY SENATE (Dr. Murray Leaf)**
Dr. Leaf reported that the Faculty Senate will be meeting to approve the new appointments for the University Committees. All committees will be encouraged to meet regularly with a focus on the IR Security, Planning and Policy Committee and the University Safety and Security Committee vamping up to meet the Campus needs. The Faculty Advisory Council is working hard to maintain UT Dallas as a research institution.
- i. STUDENT GOVERNMENT**
No one from the Student Government was present to report.
- j. RETIREE ASSOCIATION (Sande Goertzen)**

Ms. Goertzen reported that the Executive Committee for the Retiree Association met August 9th. The summer luncheons have been enjoyed and they are looking forward to Fall events.

k. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

- i. WELLNESS**
- ii. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION** (Wendy Newton)
- iii. CAMPUS FACILITIES** (Melissa Wyder)
- iv. UNIVERSITY SAFETY AND SECURITY** (Lynne Boyer)
- v. WOMEN'S CENTER** (Jacqueline Long)
- vi. IR SECURITY, PLANNING AND POLICY** (Arturo Elizondo Jr.)
- vii. AUXILIARY SERVICES ADVISORY** (Drew Brown)
- viii. HOP COMMITTEE** (Rochelle Peña)
- ix. DEANS AND DIRECTORS** (Rochelle Peña)

9) OLD BUSINESS

a. Jail N' Bail

Ms. Austell reminded everyone to issue Arrest Warrants for their favorite staff and faculty, and to spread the word around campus about Jail N' Bail.

b. Suggestions

- i. 2010-014: DIS discounts for UTD staff** (Benefits Committee)
- ii. 2010-002: Mentoring** (Staff Development)

10) NEW BUSINESS

a. Report July EAC Meeting

Ms. Peña reported on the EAC Meeting that took place in July. Items of note from the meeting were:

i. Insurance

1. Retiree Insurance and Medicare:

Upon retirement, a retiree's Blue Cross, Blue Shield insurance becomes secondary to Medicare. If a procedure is covered by Medicare, it will not be covered by Blue Cross, Blue Shield. For any procedure not covered by Medicare, but covered by Blue Cross, Blue Shield policy will be covered by Blue Cross, Blue Shield according to policy.

2. Spousal Premiums

When an employee passes away, a spouse may still be covered by the employee's insurance but must pay the full premium.

ii. Legislature Items:

- 1. Longevity Pay discontinued, however, the possibility was discussed as a way to save on budget.**
- 2. The wording for Premium Sharing no longer includes that the full amount of the premium will be covered for State Employees. Please be aware that employees may be required to pay a portion of their insurance premium in the future.**
- 3. Higher Education State Employees will receive 83 cents on the dollar for insurance. The 17 cents must be made up by UT System and the institutions.**

4. Hand Guns are still prohibited from being brought into University buildings, but one may carry a handgun in their car.
 5. State retirees may return to full-time work after one (1) full year of time away and receive both full pay and full retirement. A retiree may return to part-time work after thirty (30) days.
- b. University President's Meeting – August 18th
Ms. Peña asked that feedback be requested from constituents relative to PeopleSoft, whether good or bad, to present to the University President on August 18th.

11) OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Staff Council President Rochelle Pena at 11:00 AM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**JAMI MILLER
STAFF COUNCIL SECRETARY/TREASURER**