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UPCOMING STAFF COUNCIL MEETINGS
9-11 am, Wednesdays, June 10 & July 8, ECS 2.102

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A PERIODIC NEWSLETTER FROM THE
UT DALLAS STAFF COUNCIL

NEW STAFF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT RANDI MOGUL



Hi everyone. My name is Randi Mogul and I am delighted to have been selected vice president of Staff Council. Originally from upstate New York, I have worked at UT Dallas for five years in Residential Life. I am excited to continue working with freshmen as we move into the new residence hall in the fall. I love working at UT Dallas and thoroughly enjoy the students, staff and faculty here. Everyone is wonderfully committed to the success of UT Dallas students. I hope to continue making Staff Council a positive, influential organization and look forward working more closely with its president, Tricia Losavio. I love movies, reading, playing with my cats and taking walks while listening to my iPod! Call me anytime at 972-883-5361 or email me at randi.mogul@utdallas.edu

STAFF COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nomination Deadline, May 18

Get your nomination petition online at utdallas.edu/staffcouncil/elections

Come be a part of the council that is *Working For You!*

All active, classified employees appointed one-half time or more for at least 4 ½ months and those administrative and professional employees below the level of vice president/vice provost not represented by the Faculty Senate, are eligible to nominate and vote. In addition, those nominated to serve must also have a minimum of one year of continuous service at the University as of Sept. 1, 2009.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS & STAFF COUNCIL APPRECIATE YOU

Staff Appreciation Week is July 20 – 22, 2009

Please join us to celebrate all that staff do for UT Dallas!

Monday, July 20 – Health & Wellness seminar, 2 hrs

Tuesday, July 21 – Customer Service seminar, 2 hrs

Wednesday, July 22 – Staff Appreciation Festival, 3 hrs



COST CONTAINMENT INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT CAMPUS

Dr. Daniel invited Staff Council representatives to meet with him on Feb. 23, 2009. The topic of the meeting was cost containment issues and initiatives. The UT Dallas president outlined his concerns and plans for the campus, with supporting comments being offered by Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for business affairs. Both administrators emphasized that the UT Dallas campus was in better fiscal shape than much of the rest of the UT System. Many of the restraints and cutbacks, such as cuts in travel and catering, help hold the budgetary line so that the UT Dallas campus maintains its fiscal health into the balance of the year.

Dr. Daniel asked for input and suggestions from Staff Council. Some ideas offered included asking staff to adjust thermostats in buildings and to turn off lights in unused rooms. It was also mentioned that most staff with campus vehicles could avoid idling, which is a waste of fuel over time. Staff representatives also proposed a Web site for cost-saving ideas. It was suggested that Dr. Daniel meet with a wider group of campus constituents to explain the plans and reasons behind the cost-containment initiative. Dr. Daniel indicated that he would begin to schedule more of these meetings as time permitted.



CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS

Frustrated by road closures, or worse, have you been issued a traffic ticket for entering a “no passage zone” that was once your easy access to a destination of choice on campus?

Progress can cause ripples. Whether driving or walking around campus, detours and closures have caused aggravation and confusion.*

By now, most have adjusted to changes in routes and detours. Drivers are advised to exercise caution through parking lots and around construction areas, especially routes that also expose pedestrian traffic to risk.

Other suggestions:

- Allow extra time for on-campus travel and parking.
- Be mindful of new signage and traffic directional devices.
- Use the free public transportation available to the UT Dallas community, the Comet Cruiser.
- Monitor the Pardon our Progress Web site (utdallas.edu/pardonourprogress) and watch the University’s daily News Center page for updates about road closures, pedestrian advisories and planned power shut-offs.

UT Dallas authorities are serious about enforcing traffic laws. Take caution; learn where to go; and where not to go; slow down...and be patient! There is an exciting new change coming to this campus that all will all soon enjoy.

(*article updated, May 15, 2009)



CARE AWARD WINNERS

UT Dallas President David E. Daniel recently recognized staff employees with CARE Awards. The award, short for “Celebrate Achievement – Reward Excellence,” honors staff members who demonstrate superior performance, offer outstanding customer service and enhance the University’s image with their work. Nominations are submitted by fellow staff members, faculty members, visitors and patrons of the University.

“Great institutions are made by people,” Dr. Daniel said in presenting the awards. “These honorees are not only skilled individuals, but good people.”

UT Dallas President David E. Daniel celebrates the exemplary staff performance of (from left) Pamela M. McElrath, Susan S. Kutchi, Karen Baynham, Mary Jo Rex and Kristen Blakely.



Fall 2008 CARE Award Winners:

- Karen Baynham – UT Dallas Career Center
- Kristen Blakely – Office of Academic Affairs and Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost
- Janet H. Collins – School of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Susan S. Kutchi – McDermott Library
- Pamela M. McElrath – Residential Life Office
- Mary Jo Rex – School of Arts and Humanities

Spring 2009 CARE Award Winners:

(pictured below, left to right)

- Jacob Abraham – Computer Services Office
- Lisa Alexander – UT Dallas Police Department
- Netteia McNulty – UT Dallas Multicultural Center
- Corina Cantua – School of Management
- Alison Rackler – Enrollment Services
- Linda Maute – School of Engineering and Computer Science



STAFF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Staff Council Scholarship for the Fall 2009 semester:

- Valerie Lariscy
- Blair Flicker
- Imperio Shanks
- Janet Collins
- Andrea Moody
- William (Cole) Detwiler
- Daniel Calhoun
- Irene Marroquin-Bellatin
- Narcely Ruiz

This scholarship is geared toward helping our fellow staff members achieve their goals and dreams by furthering their education.

Funds for the scholarships are obtained from the different fundraising events Staff Council holds throughout the year, such as the Valentine Balloon Sale and Jail N’ Bail. Your participation and contribution in these events helps keep the scholarship growing each year. Thank you.

Scholarships are awarded each spring and fall semester. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship please visit the Staff Council Web site:

utdallas.edu/staffcouncil/resources/scholarship.html



UT DALLAS BENEFITS AND PERKS

Working for UT Dallas has many benefits and perks. Did you know that we have a state-of-the-art Activity Center? It has high-quality exercise equipment in the fitness center; racquetball, squash and basketball courts; and a swimming pool. Various classes are offered throughout the year at minimal cost and some are even free! **Staff and faculty only have to pay \$65 a semester* and \$81 per semester for spouses or significant others.** Payroll deductions are available to staff for as little as \$21.66 a month! That is a great deal compared to other area health clubs. Being a member of the Activity Center is a super bargain! The Wellness Committee encourages you to take a tour of the facility to see for yourselves. Let's all make that effort to be healthier now! For more information, please call 972-883-2061.

***Note:** The Activity Center is a student fee supported facility and therefore faculty and staff are not eligible for free membership.

Corporate Challenge is gearing up for the fall games! This Olympic-type competition is produced by the City of Richardson, involves over three dozen companies in the surrounding community, and consists of 22 athletic and non-athletic events that run from late August to mid-October. Think about joining a team to represent UT Dallas. Games include a 15K bike race, a 5K run, badminton, basketball, bass fishing, billiards, bowling, darts, dominoes, flag football, horseshoes, kickball, mini-golf, soccer, softball, swimming, table tennis, Texas Hold'em, volleyball and Punt, Pass & Kick. All UT Dallas staff, faculty, spouses and retirees that are benefits eligible may participate. We will also need to put together a Spirit Committee to help with publicizing the events, to plan the Sign-Up Ice Cream Social, keeping captains informed of the competition rules and regulations, T-shirt design and distribution and much more. Everyone can participate in some way. Let the games begin!

For more information, visit
www.cor.net/CC

Staff Council JAIL 'N BAIL FUNDRAISER COMING SOON

**Wednesday, August 26, 2009
During Cometville Carnival**

**All proceeds will go to the Staff Council's
Staff Scholarship Fund and the
General Student Scholarship Fund.**



SUN SAFETY FOR THE SUMMER



Wear sunscreen.

Most people think if they slap on some sunscreen once they'll be fine. This is very wrong – especially for children. People should use sunscreen 15-30 minutes before going outside in order for the sunscreen to take effect. A liberal amount (palm full) should be applied to each body part and should be re-applied at least every two hours, each time you come out of the water or if you've been sweating profusely. Other factors to keep in mind are wind (which dries your skin) and if you're at a high altitude (UV radiation increases 4-5% at every 1,000 feet above sea level). Clouds only block as much as 20% of all UV radiation. And don't believe that just because you're in the water you're safe against the UV rays.

Avoid tanning beds. Unfortunately, people have the false belief that tanning beds are safe. They aren't. It was once believed that the UV rays emitted from tanning beds were not harmful because the sunlamps only gave off UVA and little, if any, UVB rays. But we've now learned that UVA can cause serious skin damage, possibly the worst of all skin cancers - melanoma. Sunlamps used in homes are equally harmful.

Cover exposed areas. Wear light-colored, loose fitting clothing that protects you from the sun's rays. Use tightly woven fabrics that cover your arms and legs, and wear a broad-brimmed hat that covers your head and ears.

Seek shade when appropriate. Remember that the sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If your shadow is shorter than you are, seek shade.

Avoid reflective surfaces. Snow and water can reflect much of the sun's damaging rays.

WELLNESS RECIPE: Sweet & Sour Meatballs

Regular sweet & sour sauce has a ton of sugar... here's a recipe for you using Splenda-sweetened pineapple. (The carbs come from the fruit and vegetables...good, nutritious, complex carbs!) Stick this in your slow-cooker on low for a few hours, make up some fluffy, fragrant rice for your family... dinner is ready!

Vegetable cooking spray

One 20-ounce can Splenda-sweetened pineapple

(chunks or slices), juice reserved

1/4 cup apple cider vinegar

3 tablespoons soy sauce

2 teaspoons tomato paste

1/4 cup Splenda

3 teaspoons sugar free maple syrup (or Splenda)

1/4 teaspoon ginger

1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1 tablespoon cornstarch

Kosher salt to taste

2 1/2 - 3 cups prepared meatballs

1 onion, cut in 1 inch pieces

1 green pepper, cut in 1 inch pieces

1 red pepper, cut in 1 inch pieces

Directions: Preheat slow-cooker on low, or oven to 350 degrees. Coat pot or deep baking dish with vegetable spray.

Combine pineapple juice, apple cider vinegar, soy sauce, tomato paste, Splenda, syrup, ginger, and red pepper flakes in a small saucepan. Reserve 1 tablespoon. Bring to boil over high heat, stirring often. Mix cornstarch into reserved liquid and add to boiling sauce. Cook and stir just until thickened.

Place meatballs into the slow-cooker or a baking dish. Pour sauce over meatballs and allow to cook on low in the slow-cooker for 2 hours or in the oven for 45 minutes or until bubbling. Add pineapple mixture, onion, and peppers; cook in slow-cooker for another hour or oven for 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Makes 6 servings.

Per Serving: Calories 268; Protein 14 g;

Fat 13 g; Carbs 13 g; Sugar 6 g; Sodium 970 mg

Recipe provided by Patrice Holt

MEET STAFF COUNCIL MEMBERS IN DISTRICTS 6 & 7



Tysh Coleman - 6



Erin Dougherty - 6



Roxanne Minnish - 6



Rena Read - 6



Tara Riall - 6



Douglas Shedd - 6



Lynne Boyer - 7



Tommi Ivey - 7



Kimberly Kentfield - 7



Jacqueline Long - 7



Irene Bellatin - 7



Remona McLain - 7



Rebecca Murry - 7

Not pictured -
Hamilton, Robert - 6

Welcome to the New (or reassigned) Employees!

AL AHMAD, MAHMOUD — Research Scientist, Materials Science

BEARD, ANNE GAUDET — Director, Research

BERRY, KENNETH SCOTT — Asst. Director, Office of the President

CAMPBELL, KESHIA — Director, Business Affairs

DANILOV, EVGENY — Research Scientist, Physics Department

FREEMAN, FRANCES JACKSON — Asst. VP Diversity & Community Engagement

GOSSLEE, PAGETT DAVES — Director, Office of Development

KANTER, ELIZABETH — Research Associate, Center for Brain Health

KARIMIYAN ALIDASH, HOSSEIN — Visiting Lab Assistant, Electrical Engineering

LI, WEI — Research Associate, Engineering & Computer Science

MACIEJEWSKI, MARY — Research Associate, Center for Brain Health

PEREZ, EDSON VLADIMIR — Research Associate

REED, AMANDA CHRISTINE — Research Associate, Behavioral & Brain Sciences

REESER, JOHN — Fiscal Officer, School of Management

TACCINO, LORI — Director Contract & Grants Accounting

WRIGHT JR., JAMES — Director, Environmental Health & Safety

Brought to you by the
Staff Council Communications Committee

Tommi Ivey, chair	Michelle Long, vice chair
Metta Alsbrook	Corina Cantua, secretary
Laurie Brown	Patrice Holt
Holly Orozco	Loreen Phillips
	Lin Maute
	Brenda Seifi

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About the UT Dallas Staff Council

The Staff Council is an advisory body through which eligible staff members can convey information and make recommendation to the President regarding interests and concerns of the University staff. The Staff Council is constituted by the President with the goal of continually improving University operations and the well-being of UT Dallas' employees. The Staff Council addresses matter of general concern to the UT Dallas community and, in particular, to members of the UT Dallas staff, and is not intended to supplant existing procedures for addressing individual grievances.