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It's Election Time!

The Staff Council is now conducting elections and appointments for the 2011-2013 term. The elections are conducted on a district-by-district basis.

If an election is needed in your district, all voting will be done electronically via SurveyMonkey. You will receive your ballot via a district E-Mail message. Write-in votes are also allowed. If you do not receive an email ballot, an election was not needed in your district.

For more information about Staff Council districts, member eligibility, and responsibilities, please visit our website at www.utdallas.edu/staffcouncil.

PEOPLESOFT CONCERNS

A message from your Staff Council Executive Board

On May 23, 2011, the Staff Council Executive Board met with Dr. Daniel to address staff concerns regarding the PeopleSoft implementation. Our intention in meeting with him was to make sure he was aware of concerns directly from the staff perspective. Prior to this meeting, we solicited emails from staff regarding any issues they might be experiencing surrounding the new system. We received a good response and summarized these for Dr. Daniel. Our summary revealed several key areas of concern, which we presented to Dr. Daniel, along with some recommended solutions for discussion and review. These included:

- **Communications** – generally, staff have felt that communication regarding the status of the system and any issue resolution has been relatively non-existent for most staff members. We have advocated for regular email updates and/or some kind of “issue board” where staff can get relevant information and updates.
- **False Expectations** – related to communication, but also in regard to response time on issues and lack of access to information. We have advocated for all staff to be granted the access they need to various screens in PeopleSoft to get day-to-day work done, especially with regard to HR and financial areas.
- **Training** – general staff training, especially early on, focused on the functionality of the system with no real insight into the system and how it would work related to how we currently function. Staff have expressed the desire to learn and we have advocated for improved training using real examples. The general consensus was that the training provided regarding the SciQuest system was a good model to replicate.
- **Cost** – in terms of loss of productivity, impact on health/morale, as well as issues with incorrect paychecks. Staff have expressed a willingness to help make things better, but they don't know how. We have advocated for staff to be more involved in the overall process as much as possible.

Dr. Daniel appreciated the meeting and was going to look into the issues we presented. We will have a follow-up meeting with him soon and we'd like to report on any progress, or lack thereof, related to the above areas or other areas that might be problematic. **Please send your thoughts, either positive or negative, to staffcouncil@utdallas.edu.**

Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE!

Staff Appreciation Day

June 29, 2011
10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Student Union Galaxy Rooms

FREE FOOD! GAMES! DOOR PRIZES! GIVEAWAYS!

"Working Toward Excellence"



Sponsored by Staff Council and the
Office of the Senior Vice President for Business Affairs

For more information: utdallas.edu/staffcouncil



Join us for the whole event or just drop in for awhile!

- 10:00 – 11:15 Rochelle Peña, Staff Council President
Honorable Bob Townsend, Mayor of Richardson
Dr. Calvin Jamison, Senior Vice President for Business Affairs
Terry Cartwright & Lydia Blackwell - "Striving for Excellence"
- 11:15 – 12:00 Games & Door Prize Drawings
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 Karaoke & Door Prize Drawings

April 2011	
Judie Abraham	Behavioral and Brain Sciences
John Alderson	Communications
Laurel Brown	Economic, Political and Policy Sciences
Joe Castillo	Police Department
Andrea Clark	Information Resources
Lea Coakley	Student Health Services
Dorothea Junt	Facilities Management
Nanette Kalivas	Undergraduate Education
Venkat Panalla	Electrical Engineering
Weina Peng	Materials Science and Engineering
Maggie Wilensky	Business Affairs
Kamil Wojcicki	Electrical Engineering
Shengyang Yang	Chemistry
Ahn Pho	Environmental Health and Safety
May 2011	
John Boslooper	Information Resources
Tricha Burleson	Police Department
Wooyeol Choi	Electrical Engineering
Lilian Chu	Diversity and Community Engagement
Daniel Goines	Management
Jacob Harris	International Student Services
Marcio Kimpara	Electrical Engineering
Preethi Ravindranathan	Chemistry
Maria Reyes	Science/Math Education
Sounik Saha	Electrical Engineering
David Spigelmyer	Police Department
Nghi Ton	Interdisciplinary Studies
Tammy Walker	Communications
Monique Wedderburn	School of Arts and Humanities
Stephen Yurkovich	Systems Engineering
June 2011	
Desmond Blair	ATEC
Betty Chou	Information Resources
David Cornelius	Facilities Management
Tonya Dornback	Callier
Angela Espinosa	Callier
Gary Honickel	Residential Life
Charles "Chaz" Lilly	Communications
Ian McDonough	Center for Vital Longevity
Heena Peshwani	Callier
Valerie Price	Molecular and Cell Biology
Caryn Statman	Management

WELCOME NEW UT DALLAS EMPLOYEES!

Take a look at the special [Welcome to UT Dallas](#) video for all new hires from our President, Dr. David E. Daniel.



PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(Wendy Newton)

The Parking and Transportation Committee is a University wide committee that meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The committee consists of faculty, staff, and student representation who make suggestions and prepare proposals to submit to the Office of Business Affairs for approval.

Some of the issues/milestones/projects which the Parking & Transportation Committee members are currently working on include*:

- Online parking decal purchase/payroll deduction will be in-house in FY2012.
- Violation citation fees will increase.
- Campus parking decal prices will increase.
- DART passes for students cost will increase to ~\$11 year.
- DART passes for faculty/staff cost will increase to ~\$312 year.
- Parking & Transportation Committee will renew contract with Buses by Bill.
- Parking & Transportation Committee will update their website.
- Parking & Transportation Committee will develop an educational video.
- A new combo Gold/Green Housing/Campus parking decal will be introduced.
- Zip Car fuel efficient car rentals will be available on campus. Hourly/Daily/Weekly rates.

*Not all of these items are in the final stage/decision. These are just areas which are being considered or proposed.

More information about parking and transportation services can be found at <http://www.utdallas.edu/parking/index.html>.

COULD YOU DEFEND YOURSELF?



R.A.D.
RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE SYSTEMS

**Where: UT Dallas Police Department
(Northwest Corner of Lot A)
When: July 11-13 (Mon.-Wed.)
Time: 6pm**

**To Sign up for
FREE**

Email—klb091000@utdallas.edu

Always wanted to lock up your co-worker,
roommate, or favorite professor?

JAIL N' BAIL

Jail n' Bail is an annual fundraiser, sponsored by Staff Council.
All donations to Jail n' Bail support student and staff scholarships.

Issue a warrant for \$2.00
www.utdallas.edu/jainbail

Join us at the Jail –
August 24th 2:30pm - 4:30pm
at the Cometville Carnival in the
mall area outside the student union

Student Bail - \$25.00

Faculty/Staff Bail - \$100.00

Questions? Call Paula Austell at (972) 883-5382 or email paustell@utdallas.edu.



CORPORATE CHALLENGE 2011

(Mary Jo Venetis)

Like games? Join the 2011 Corporate Challenge and help UT Dallas regain its position as one of the BB Division champions!



The Corporate Challenge, an annual event, is hosted by the City of Richardson to support the Special Olympics of Texas with many competition events held between August and October. The Opening Ceremony kicks off in Galatyn Plaza on August 19, 2011 at 5:30 pm.



Show your Comet Spirit and join one of the UT Dallas teams: Badminton, Basketball, 15K Bike Race/Ride, Billiards, Bowling, Darts, Dodgeball, Dominos 42, Flag Football, Golf, Horseshoes, Kickball, Miniature Golf, Punt, Pass & Kick, 5K Run/Walk, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Texas Hold 'Em Poker, and Volleyball.

Benefits eligible employees and retirees can participate along with their spouses.

Complete the Event Sign up form at <http://www.utdallas.edu/wellness/documents/CompetitorSignupForm2011.pdf> and return it to Tracy Dorsey (tracy.dorsey@utdallas.edu) or Nancy Bowles (nancy.bowles@utdallas.edu). You can also sign up during the Staff Appreciation Day event on June 29, 2011.

For more details, see <http://www.utdallas.edu/wellness/corporate-challenge.html>



Participants at the 2010 Opening Ceremony



The UT Dallas 2010 Gold Medal Volleyball Team



Temoc and Dr. Jamison doing the Whoosh at the 2010 opening

Summer Exercise Tips from your UT Dallas Wellness Committee

Over the last 20 years, more people in the US have died from extreme heat than from hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, floods, & earthquakes combined. (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)

- Allow for Acclimation. Cut back on time & intensity of your workout until you've acclimated to the high temperature.
- Exercise in the morning or evening. Avoid exercise from 10-3 when temperatures are at their highest.
- Dress for the heat. Minimal, loose fitting clothing in light colors is best. Avoid 100% cotton. A wicking material is best.
- Drink up. Make sure to drink plenty of water before, during & after exercise. Minimize soda & coffee.
- Know when to stop. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include fatigue, dizziness, nausea or vomiting, headache, rapid heart beat, confusion or complete loss consciousness. Stop activity immediately if you experience any of these symptoms.

Spring 2011 Staff Scholarship Winners CONGRATULATIONS!!

Drew Brown Bursar Office

Meagan Dahl Student Counseling Center

Czarina Domingo Office of Communications

Mary Dziorny Information Security

Lashun Jackson Bursar Office

Lindsay Martin Engineering and Computer Science

Mark Middaugh McDermott Library

Aaron Simpson Information Resources

Tracey Tatum Office of Finance

Nadira Zakhidova McDermott Library

For more information on UTD Staff Council Scholarships

Visit us online at: [UTD Staff Council Scholarships](#)



\$250.00!!

By Michelle Sancen

**Staff Council meetings are the second
Wednesday of each month at
9am in TI Auditorium (ECSS 2.102).**

**The next meeting is
Wednesday, July 14, 2010.**

**Brought to you by the
Staff Council
Communications Committee!**



About the UT Dallas Staff Council

The Staff Council is an advisory body through which eligible staff members can convey information and make recommendations to the President regarding interests and concerns of the staff of the University. The Staff Council is constituted by the President under the discretion and authority invested in the President by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, with the goal of continually improving University operations and the well-being of UTD's employees. The Staff Council is constituted to address matters of general concern to the UTD community and, in particular, to members of the UTD staff and is not intended to supplant existing procedures for addressing individual grievances.