Staff Council General Meeting
Agenda* – Jan 10, 2018
Room: JSOM 1.517
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1) Call to Order
2) Roll Call
3) Guest Speaker: Frank Feagans
4) Colleen Dutton – AVP of Human Resources
5) Review of December 2017 Council Minutes
6) Committee Reports
7) University Committees
8) Continuing Business
9) Proposals:
   a. 2014-004p: Executive Board is looking into an ombudsman for employees
   b. 2017-002p: Centralized room reservation process. (Staff Development)
      a. 2017-006p: Paper towel dispensers/Letter to facilities (Benefits)
      b. 2018-004p: Vegan-friendly food options (Communications)
10) Suggestions:
    a. 2018-007: The crosswalks in front of the JSOM building are very unsafe especially ever since my boss Darren Crone was recently hit by a car while crossing the street. I feel like I need to voice my concerns to prevent future accidents from happening. I have been nearly hit by a car 3 times. One of the three times I was an inch from getting hit. I was at the 2nd crosswalk between JSOM 1 & 2 and saw a car turn to go down the street so I figured I was safe (especially since it was the 2nd crosswalk). I barely began to cross the street when I heard the car's engine rev and all of a sudden the person started to race straight towards me going extremely fast. I barely made it to the yellow lines right before they rushed right behind me nearly hitting me. I could feel the force of the car behind me. Had I not rushed to the yellow lines I am pretty sure he would have killed me. One of the other times I was nearly hit the person was also barely turning on the road and decided to speed up. Luckily, I was fast and was on the other side of the street before they went rushing by. The third time I was nearly hit a person was texting while driving and didn't even see me. These three times that I was nearly hit is not all I have experienced. There have been so many numerous times that I have been at the crosswalk waiting/watching cars, and they generally do not yield at all. They just speed by, and I can tell they do not care for pedestrians and/or they are texting while driving. There has to be something UTD can do to make the crosswalks safe again. I highly recommend installing security cameras and more speed bumps so students cannot race through the front of the JSOM building. I honestly feel like I am not safe to come into work. I am constantly paranoid that I will be sent to the hospital or worse every time I cross the street. No one should have to feel this way; therefore, it is imperative this issue is fixed asap.
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b. **2018-009**: The crosswalks in front of JSOM (particularly the second one between JSOM 1 & 2) are not safe to cross due to driver negligence. Our department boss, Darren Crone was recently hit by a car crossing the crosswalk on his way to work the commencement ceremonies. There has been several instances where I am nearly been hit by a driver while crossing the crosswalk in a weekly basis. UTD needs to provide more safety precautions (security cameras, speed bumps) for these crosswalks.

11) Old Business
12) New Business
13) Reminders:
   a. **Staff Scholarships**: Now accepting applications for Spring 2018
      i. Deadline: February 15th, 2018
   c. **OSV Can Opener Drive**: Manual (non-electric) can openers needed.
      i. Accepting donations Jan 1-31st
      ii. Donation box locations:
          1. OSV Office (SSA 14.431T)
          2. AD 2nd floor lobby near the elevators
          3. SU 1st floor lobby
          4. RHN lobby
          5. ECS Student Services Office (ECSS 2.502)

14) Adjournment

15) Next Meeting: 02/14/2018
16) Upcoming Guest Speakers:  N/A