Staff Council General Meeting
Agenda* – April 12, 2017
Room: JSOM 1.508 9:00am
(*Topics and order are subject to change)

1) Call to Order
2) Roll Call
3) Guest Speaker: Dr. Calvin Jamison
4) Colleen Dutton – AVP of Human Resources
5) Review of March 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. **2017-008p**: Art contests for Staff/Faculty (Communications)
10) Suggestion topics to discuss:
   a. **2017-009s**: I was reading the Feb newsletter and noticed you are thinking about
      displays/exhibits for staff members. Please consider putting any entries that are or
      can be digitized in UTD’s digital repository. I would be happy to display them on
      the web and give them a permanent home. If you are interested please give me a
      call or send me an email. You can look at the repository at
   b. **2017-010s**: At the last Staff Council meeting, I felt that Bob Fishbein was dismissive
      of the very valid issue Michele Brown brought up concerning poor food quality
      provided by Chartwell’s. In fact, I thought he was rude. This seems familiar to me--
      someone on Council asks a question of a guest speaker & that person is shut down.
      So, this isn’t a suggestion I’d like brought before Council, but one I’d like to be
      considered by the Executive Committee--how can the Executive Committee help
      members feel that we’re supported when we ask questions, even if the questions
      challenge someone in a position of great authority. I feel like the Faculty Senate,
      which, of course, has tremendously more power than Staff Council, does a better
      job of advocating for faculty that we do in advocating for staff. I am writing to see
      how might be best to approach the issue of improving restroom provisions,
      specifically paper towels and soap. Paper towels may be seen as wasteful, but they
      are a part of maintaining good hygiene and a clean campus.
11) Old Business
12) New Business
   a. **Bylaw Edits** – vote needed
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13) Reminders:
   a. **Staff Scholarships:** Now accepting applications for: Fall 2017
      i. Deadline: September 15th, 2017
   b. **CARE Awards:** Now accepting nominations for: Fall 2017.
      i. Deadline: October 31, 2017

14) Adjournment

15) Next Meeting: 05/10/2017
16) Upcoming Guest Speakers: N/A