Staff Council General Meeting
Agenda* – June 14, 2017
Room: JSOM 1.508 9:00am
(*Topics and order are subject to change)

1) Call to Order
2) Roll Call
3) Guest Speaker: Amanda Rockow
4) Colleen Dutton – AVP of Human Resources
5) Review of May 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) Suggestions:
   a. **2017-16s**: Ay man some of the staff at UTD seriously need some sensitivity training. One of my friends came into work all teary eyed today because some of her professors and other staff at UTD, especially the Education Abroad office, were really cold. My friend's mom literally just passed away and when she informed Education Abroad about her mom/financial situation they were so inconsiderate. It's understandable that you can't waive your fees but they gave no condolences, no nothing. They acted like her mom dying wasn't a big deal so much that they completely ignored it. How hard is it to type "our condolences" in an email? Y'all need sensitivity training ASAP. It may not mean a lot to you guys but it would mean a lot to her and other students if you just showed that you cared a little. (Anon.)
   b. **2017-17s**: I strongly recommend that UT Dallas add a campus shuttle and discontinue the use of Comet Cabs as the primary method for moving students, faculty and staff around campus. In my experience, the growth of UT Dallas can no longer function without a larger method of transit. In addition, I have worked at three different institutions including UT Arlington where there was a shuttle that cruised the perimeter of campus. It's frustrating to have to get into my car just to drive from JSOM to SPN for example.
   c. **2017-18s**: The global business program coordinator, is extremely rude and hard to work with. She is temperamental and several of our student volunteers refused to work again with her because of her attitude. We don't understand how she could be so polite one moment and then start aggressively saying things such as "hurry up or: you're out of time, you need to do better" the next moment. Please appoint another program coordinator or at least another person we can talk with aside from her. (Anon.)
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d. **2017-19s:** Members of Staff want to start a Cat Coalition on campus to support TNR (trap-neuter-return) of feral cats that live at UTD. The organization used to exist, but it was student-led. It eventually ended because there were no students willing to keep it going. **What would the process be to create a Cat Coalition on campus that is staff-led?**

11) Old Business
12) New Business
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: 07/12/2017
16) Upcoming Guest Speakers: N/A