Ad Hoc and University Committees

I. President’s Council
   a. **Function of the Committee:** This committee is led by the president with the cabinet, deans and faculty senate chair.
   b. **Staff Senate Representative:** Gary Payne
   c. **Date of Last Meeting:** Oct. 4, 2017
   d. **Date of Next Meeting:** Nov. 1, 2017
   e. **Action Items in Progress:**
      i. Deans began discussing strategies and tactics to streamline approaches to retain students and keep them on track to graduation.
   f. **Other Comments:**
      i. Lesa Roe coming to campus Oct. 10.
         1. President will discuss UNTs strategic plans with her.
      ii. Smart Campus Town Hall began in late Sept and continue into Oct.

II. President’s Advisory Council
   a. **Function of the Committee:** To advise and offer solutions to the president on university matters.
   b. **Staff Senate Representative:** Gary Payne
   c. **Date of Last Meeting:** Oct. 5, 2017
   d. **Date of Next Meeting:** TBD
   e. **Action Items in Progress:**
      i. The committee was updated on the Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
         1. UNT is updating the resources listed at unt.edu/daca
         2. Texas SB 1528 or the Texas Dream Act is still in place.
         3. President Smatresk was open to having another Town Hall about DACA.
   f. **Action Items Completed:**
      i. The committee was updated on new travel bans that could affect international students from Syria and North Korea.

III. Space Management and Planning
   a. **Function of the Committee:** The Space Planning and Management Committee (SPMC) is responsible for broadening the scope, review, and discussion of space issues, moves, renovations, new construction, master planning and land acquisitions to ensure alignment with the Strategic Plan. The SPMC replaced the Space Assessment Committee (SAC) and Capital Projects Council (CPC).
   b. **Staff Senate Representative:** Gary Payne
   c. **Date of Last Meeting:** Oct. 6, 2017
   d. **Date of Next Meeting:** TBD
   e. **Action Items in Progress:**
      i. Space Request to locate a pad site for Starbucks Coffee trailer was tabled to give Auxiliary Services time to locate two locations on campus to propose to the committee.
   f. **Action Items Completed:**
      i. Request to demolish Mean Green Village Building L was approved.
ii. Request to temporarily assign to the The Office of Systems Facilities Design & Constructions for hoteling offices and touch down meeting space was approved.

iii. Tom McCoy, Office of Research and Innovation VP, updated the committee on the new 11.011 Research Space Assignment Administrative Policy.

IV. Campus Leadership Team
   a. Function of the Committee: Committee formed by Staff Senate to find topics of mutual concern or support with Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, Graduate Student Council
   b. Staff Senate Representative: Gary Payne
   c. Date of Last Meeting: Sept. 20, 2017
   d. Date of Next Meeting: Oct. 18, 2017
   e. Action Items in Progress:
      i. Faculty Senate is working on a proposal for a Holiday Break, one to three days, during the Thanksgiving week.
         1. Follow up with Faculty Senate on their Holiday Break proposal to include staff member benefits by attending the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting.
         2. As more information is gathered and depending on inclusion of Staff Senate input a resolution of support should be made to support this proposal.
         3. Went to the Faculty Senate EC meeting and the topic was tabled until the next meeting.
         4. Will be sending an email with questions and a request to add staff benefits to the ad-hoc committee chair writing the proposal.
      ii. SGA is releasing a Climate Response Survey with help from Division of Equity and Diversity.
      iii. GSC is discussing Graduate Student Funding
   f. Other Comments:
      i. This was the first meeting with new leadership of SGA and GSC members.

V. Technical Architecture Group
   a. Function of the Committee: Discuss various IT issues around campus
   b. Staff Senate Representative: Josh Lukins
   c. Date of Last Meeting: Sept. 19, 2017
   d. Date of Next Meeting: TBD
   e. Action Items in Progress:
      i. Overall ITIL improvement process utilizing analytics platform.
         1. Looking at all of services provided and looking to improve to the next level
            a. Track 1 – service catalog
            b. Track 2 – Expand BRM and release processes
            c. Track 3 - improve service desk and incident management
         2. Give best customer service experience, determine if that is what the customer wants
         3. Performance analytics platform uses currently accessible data
      ii. Lynda.com extended to all users in System soon. Staff Development Committee idea: Lynda.com as a tool for professional development. How to use it, what is available, etc
      iii. Multi factor authentication is coming
      iv. Cloud pbx – moving voice out to the cloud is coming
         1. Currently auditing objects – about 18k right now
         2. Sifting through unknown users vs true users
      v. Phishing – increased phishing traffic lately (seemed to be building on previous meetings discussions)
         1. UNT sends emails that look a lot like phishing
         2. A lot of potential activities around automatically eliminating phishing are being considered by various IT groups
3. Talk about better communication within IT about automated emails being generated by campus entities so they can be prepared when customers come to them for help
4. Looking into methodologies for digital signatures from all internal emails and servers

VI. Student Media Committee
   a. Function of the Committee: To choose an editor for the North Texas Daily
   b. Staff Senate Representative: Claudia Taylor
   c. Date of Last Meeting: Spring 2017
   d. Date of Next Meeting: Unknown
   e. Reason for not meeting: Editor has been chosen

VII. Union Board of Directors
   a. Function of the Committee: Union Programming
   b. Staff Senate Representative: Karen Goss
   c. Date of Last Meeting: Sept. 20, 2017
   d. Date of Next Meeting: Unknown
   e. Other Comments: Was not a part of the invite list yet, so no report for this meeting

VIII. Mary Jo & V. Lane Rawlings Fine Arts Series
   a. Function of the Committee: To curate visual, literary, and performing arts events for the UNT and greater Denton community and to nurture the creative culture of UNT and Denton through a diverse, carefully selected season of performances for you
   b. Staff Senate Representative: Susan Sanders
   c. Date of Last Meeting: Oct. 5, 2017
   d. Date of Next Meeting: TBD (November)
   e. Action Items in Progress:
      i. Producing series performances
      ii. Tracking attendance
      iii. Administering and analyzing assessment outcomes.
      iv. Discussing ways to engage more students, faculty, and staff in the proposal process for the coming year
      v. Exploring ways to market future performances,
         1. In particular "Poetry Night with Karla Morton and Edyka Chilome" on 11/29/2017;
         2. A pen promoting the series was given to all committee member present.
   f. Action Items Completed:
      i. First two performances out of nine, "True Conviction" (a documentary film) on 9/13/2017 and "Beautiful Stories From Anonymous People (a live podcast taping) on 9/29/2017 have been presented and well received
   g. Other Comments:
      i. Please join us at any or all of this season’s events! Nurture the creative culture of UNT and Denton through a diverse, carefully selected season of performances.

IX. Athletics Council
   a. Function of the Committee: Advisory role to UNT athletics and the President (meets quarterly)
   b. Staff Senate Representative: Travis Craig
   c. Date of Last Meeting: Sept. 12, 2017
   d. Date of Next Meeting: Oct. 11, 2017
   e. Action Items in Progress:
      i. Bring more attendance and awareness to all UNT athletic events.
      ii. Student athlete survey showed that some athletes do not feel their sport gets the same recognition as other sports on campus.