STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2017
3:00 p.m. – Union Senate Chambers, Room 332

Officers Present: Christi Hestand, Chair; Gary Payne, Vice Chair; Kevin Sanders, Parliamentarian; Kathryn Beasley, Secretary/Treasurer; Kristi Ormand, Past Chair; Shaurette Park, HR Rep


New Senators Present: Devin Axtman, Christina Brodie, Suzan Cruz, Katherine Jenkins, Emily Locey, Joshua Lukins

Guests Present:

I. Called to Order at 3:11pm

II. Minutes Approved

III. Constituency Concerns
   a. The post office delivery is very slow to non-existent at Discovery Park. People who deliver at DP are a third party. There will be a meeting soon to discuss this issue.
   b. Tickets do not seem to be for sale for the faculty/staff game. They should be soon.
   c. Parking for freshman on-campus students is across I35E, and there will not be round-the-clock buses as we had previously been told.
   d. Kerr will be open on Saturdays. Meal plan prices increase on the 14th for faculty/staff. The faculty/staff meal plan is $4.25 per meal. Door prices are at $7.25. Purchase the plan at dining.unt.edu. Avesta opens on the 28th. It will be buffet from now on.

IV. Officer Reports
   a. Chair Report – Christi
      i. No report
   b. Budget Report – Kathryn
      i. Shirt order will be placed soon.
   c. Communications Report – Brandi
      i. Made change to helpful links page. Is now called “get involved.” Has information for things you can do on campus in addition to links you might need.
   d. Parliamentarian – Kevin
      i. No report

V. Staff Senate Committee Reports
   a. Policy and Benefits
      i. UNT Fan Fest at Apogee Stadium is Tuesday, Aug 22nd in the afternoon. Will have food, performances, football players, movie on big screen.
      ii. Discount on Texas State Fair in the works.
      iii. North Texas Fair and Rodeo – UNT Day is August 24th. They are asking for volunteers to greet people, hand out giveaways. 6pm, volunteers will be needed from 5:45 to 7:30. Sign up sheet will go around the meeting.
      iv. Working on discounts for other events.

VI. Old Business
   a. Vote on absentee policy
      i. Kevin Sanders read the policy and defended it to the Senate.
      ii. Wayne moved, Gary seconded. Motion opened for discussion
         1. No discussion
         2. Gary moved, wayne seconded to move into voting position
3. Senators voted by hand for the attendance policy. The vote was unanimous.

VII. New Business
a. Election of officers
   i. Chair-elect
      1. Nominated
         a. Kathryn Beasley – declined
         b. Travis Craig – accepted
         c. Kevin Sanders – accepted
         d. Wayne Campbell – declined
      2. Kevin Sanders elected
   ii. Parliamentarian
      1. Travis Craig – accepted
      2. Kevin Sanders – accepted but ineligible due to election as Chair-Elect
   iii. Secretary/treasurer
      1. Nominated
         a. Kathryn Beasley – accepted
         b. Brandi Everett – declined
         c. Susan Sanders – declined
         d. Katie McCoy – accepted
      2. Katie McCoy elected
   iv. Communications Coordinator
      1. Nominated
         a. Brandi Everett – accepted
         b. Claudia Taylor – accepted
         c. Sonia Vasquez - accepted
      2. Brandi Everett elected

VIII. Breakout to elect committee chairs

IX. Speakers/Presentations
   a. Delayed to end of meeting after vote by Senate
   b. Dave Reynolds, Associate Vice President of Facilities
      i. Says he appreciates everything Staff Senate does for Facilities.
      ii. 165 buildings, 904 acres, 327 staff, 54 vacancies with hiring freeze
      iii. Always contact them if something looks out of place. Work.control@unt.edu; 940-565-2700, @UntFacilities
      iv. Custodians work midnight to 9am.

X. Announcements
   a. Staff/Faculty football game is September 2nd at 6pm
   b. Women’s soccer at home on August 20th at 1pm
   c. Women’s volleyball at home on August 25th at 6:30pm
   d. Mean Green Move In Day is August 19th and 20th. Volunteer to help if you can.

XI. Adjourned