

University of North Texas  
Staff Council Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2010  
Golden Eagle Suite, University Union

Members Present: Jaime Blanton, Cheylon Brown, Jim Byford, Ryan Ferguson, Tina Garza, Paul Goebel, Mikal Hensarling, Jennifer Lee, Lisa Martin, Stephanie McCane, Rachel McMullen, Scott Milligan, George Niebling, Rose Preston, Raymond Rowell, Joanie Smith, Amy Tannehill, Jackie Thames, Valerie Thornton, Amie Trahan, Uyen Tran, Mary Ann Venner, Margaret Vestal

Members Absent: Elvira Aguilar, Brandon Alarcon, Chris Foster, Nathan Hansard, Xaviera Lofton, Erasmo "Max" Rodriguez, Hillary Talatzko

Guests: Dr. Rawlins, Rodney McClendon, Scott Windham, Melina Stucky (In House), Joe Richmond (Parking and Transportation)

- I. Call to Order  
George Niebling called the meeting to order.
  
- II. Santa's Helpers Toy Drive- Scott Windham  
The Toy Drive kicked off on November 29<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 17<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to collect 2000 toys but we need everyone's help. Spread the word and take extra posters to display around campus. There will also be donation boxes at the Faculty/Staff Holiday Party on December 15<sup>th</sup>. All toys collected stay local and Denton County charities depend on our contributions. We'll meet on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Crumley Hall living room to pick up and sort the toys.
  
- III. President V. Lane Rawlins  
Dr. Rawlins addressed Staff Council regarding several important issues including budget cuts, the compensation study, his decision to accept the position and the future of UNT.
  
- IV. Rec Sports Holiday Party  
Rec Sports has opened their holiday party to Staff Council in addition to the Center's members. The party will be on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-1:00pm in Room 205.
  
- V. January Meeting  
The Council agreed to move the January meeting to the 11<sup>th</sup> instead of the 4<sup>th</sup>. The tentative location is the Athletic Center but everyone will be notified as details become final.
  
- VI. Parking and Transportation Update- Joe Richmond  
The new parking garage opens July 2011. It will be located close to the new Business building.

Discovery Park routes will be limited over the holiday break.

The A Train is making progress and is still set to open in June. They've added service on Friday nights and all day on Saturdays.

Ridership has remained stable on both the faculty/staff express and the shuttle. The express shuttle will run through the spring semester. No decisions have been made about its future beyond that.

There has been a 5% reduction in citations written this semester. They are trying to put a friendlier face on parking.

Construction related to the UNT SMART initiative will create some issues with parking.

VII. Executive Committee Membership/By-Laws

After the reclassification study, we now have 7 categories which leaves 2 not currently represented on the Council. We will move to the 7 categories for the next election in the spring. The by-law revisions were voted on and approved by the Council. A second vote will be conducted via email.

Representatives were chosen from each job category to serve on the Executive Committee.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Communications- They are working on promoting the Toy Drive.
- b. Staff Development- They are currently working on fundraising ideas for the spring.

IX. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held at 3pm on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced.