

University of North Texas
Staff Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2010
University Union 418

Members Present: Elvira Aguilar, Jaime Blanton, Cheylon Brown, Jim Byford, Ryan Ferguson, Chris Foster, Nathan Hansard, Michael Hensarling, Jennifer Lee, Lisa Martin, Stephanie McCane, Rachel McMullen, Scott Milligan, George Niebling, Rose Preston, Erasmo "Max" Rodriguez, Raymond Rowell, Joanie Smith, Hillary Talatzko, Amy Tannehill, Jackie Thames, Valerie Thornton, Amie Trahan, Uyen Tran, Margaret Vestal, Mary Ann Venner

Members Absent: Brandon Alarcon, Tina Garza, Paul Goebel, Xaviera Lofton

Guests: Melina Stucky (In House), Joe Richmond (Parking and Transportation), Sue Delmark (Rec Sports), Laurie Klein (Rec Sports), Stuart Birdseye (Rec Sports), Angela McGuire (Rec Sports)

I. Call to Order

George Niebling called the meeting to order.

II. Recreation Sports

Sue Delmark and her staff spoke about the Pohl Recreation Center. They are in the process of preparing their 5 and 10 year strategic plan and have created a survey to get feedback from students and staff. Recreation Sports receives no state funding and relies on student and membership fees.

Laurie Klein spoke about the lessons and exercise sessions going on now and those starting up soon. They also have several trips planned throughout the semester. The question was raised about opening the climbing wall earlier specifically during the lunch hour.

Angela McGuire spoke about the faculty/staff fitness programs and the various tools available including personal trainers. There is also a Burn and Earn incentive program that allows faculty and staff to earn points and prizes for utilizing the Rec Center. Angela stated that faculty and staff use of the Rec Center is up 51% this year. She also spoke about Pressure Points, the program focusing on raising blood pressure awareness on campus. If you would like Angela to visit your department please let her know. Her next round of blood pressure testing will be in November.

Stuart Birdseye spoke about the meeting rooms available for rent in the Rec Center. There are 3 rooms available that can accommodate anywhere from 15 to 100+ people. Stuart also spoke about memberships. Payroll deductions have been extended through October 14th.

III. Parking/Faculty Staff Shuttle

Joe Richmond updated the council on the average ridership of both the faculty/staff express shuttle and the on call shuttle. The express shuttle is averaging about 29 riders per day and the on call shuttle is up to about 24 riders per day. We need to keep getting the word out about these services so they are properly utilized. Joe also mentioned that the A train is coming to Denton next June.

IV. Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week is November 1st-4th. Staff Council is working with Human Resources and volunteers are needed to help with the various programs. A sign-up sheet was passed around. If you would like to sign-up, please contact Hillary Talatzko. It's important that Council members participate and help get the word out around campus.

V. Perks Program

We are still waiting on a definitive word from the General Counsel on the validity of our Perks Program. Contact George if you know of any vendors interested in participating.

VI. Meal Plan

George is still awaiting word on whether or not payroll deductions for meal plans are permissible or not.

VII. Toy Drive

Ex-officio members Scott Windham and Rhonda Acker have offered to continue spearheading the Staff Council Toy Drive. It was voted on and approved by the Council.

VIII. Funding for Staff Council

President Rawlins has pledged \$2500 for Staff Council programming. We can also look at seeking cosponsorships from other campus departments for additional funding options.

IX. SECC

Forms should've already gone out to the departments. Contact Denise Harpool if you don't have your form by the end of the week. The kickoff picnic is this Wednesday, October 6th, from 11:30am-1pm at the Library Mall. For \$5 you get a burger, chips, drink and a \$2 donation. Please participate this year and encourage others to do the same.

X. Committee Reports

- a. Nominations and Elections- The committee is currently working with Human Resources on Staff Appreciation Week.
- b. By-Laws- The committee is working on rewriting the by-laws to reflect the changes in EEO codes/classifications. The new constitution wording for Article 3 was submitted to the Council for a vote. The wording was approved as submitted.
- c. Communications- The Council has several ways to communicate with constituents (Facebook, Twitter, In House). If you would like something to be shared, contact Scott Milligan.
- d. Staff Development- Homecoming is October 16th. Sign-up sheets were sent around. Volunteers are needed for a variety of capacities.
 - There will be two float build days (October 14th and 15th from 6-9pm).
 - We also need staff members and their families who want to ride in the parade. If participating in the parade please wear 80's clothing to keep with the Old School theme. If you would like to donate non-chocolate candy for the parade, please take it to Amie Trahan's office.
 - Volunteers are also needed for the tent at Mean Green Village before the game. A trailer/smoker has been donated. We'll have hot dogs and BBQ margaritas. We'll be taking monetary donations for the toy drive at the tent.

- e. Policy Review- Please include Raymond Rowell in your committee communications.
- f. Compensation and Benefits- The committee is currently looking at the faculty/staff fitness policy and is also working on communicating available perks to the staff.

XI. Constituent Concerns

The IDEA team needs a new Staff Council representative. Hillary Talatzko volunteered and Scott Milligan will be the alternate.

The holiday schedule was brought up along with the way the staff is informed. We will follow up with Marci Bailey in Human Resources.

We need to select representatives from each EEO category for the EC. An electronic ballot will be sent around the Council prior to the next meeting.

XII. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held at 3pm on November 2nd in the Silver Eagle Suite.