

Meeting Minutes

Officers Present: Suzan Cruz- Chair-Elect, Joshua Lukins- Secretary/Treasurer, Devin Axtman-Parliamentarian, Karen Goss- Communications Coordinator, Gary Payne- Past Chair.

Senators Present: Aaron Anderson, Allison Peeler, Brandi Everett, Charlotte Cooke, Christina Brodie, Chris Cunningham, Corey Davidson, Emiley Locey, Georgianna Stone, Jesse McBroom, Jessie Niu, Justin Stewart, Katherine Jenkins, Liz Perkins, Lisa Cuevas, Louise Dunn, Margo Watson, Megan Cunningham, Stephanie McDonald, Stacy Buchanan, Travis Craig.

Guests Present: Amy Armstrong (URCM), Steve Hill and Greg Obar (UNT HUB), Giselle Greenidge (GSC), Munamma Kai (SGA), Lisa Martinez-Tovar (UNT HUB).

I. Call to Order (5 minutes): 3:03PM

II. Speakers/Presentations (20 minutes)

- a. Steve Hill, Director of Business Development and System Admin and Dallas Compliance Officer
 - i. HUB Program - overall description of the program- Can help you do informal bids for procurement
 - ii. HUB department has a list of potential HUBs and will help in finding good vendors or suppliers in place of the CMBL
 - iii. Spot Bid Fair in May 6th and 7th (Hosted by Senator Royce West).
 - iv. UNT did very well in the Spot Bid fair last year.
 - v. Seeking campus entities that are wanting to buy things items around the May timeframe
- b. Danny Armitage Associate VP for Student Affairs - primarily Auxiliary Services.
 - i. Manages the Union, Dining, Housing, Coliseum, Bookstore Contract, Discovery Park Student programing.
 - ii. Breaking ground on new dining hall to replace Kerr hall behind the BLB.
 - iii. To revamp Union postal services
 - iv. Retail dining operation for BLB still being negotiated.
 - v. Leaf- Restaurant concept for salad place.
 - vi. Hydroponics garden operations here at UNT-500 heads of lettuces harvested weekly.
 - vii. Clark bakery - does 100% of our baked goods and ice cream for UNT dining facilities (outside of the branded things like Chick-fil-A, etc.). All made from scratch.
 - viii. Cibo Fresco - Italian/pizza. All made from scratch.
 - ix. UNT uses 25% less animal proteins than the national average, 35% more plant proteins than the national average. New dining hall to seat 750 people.
 - x. The dining hall to have a food court type look instead of cafeteria feel.
 - xi. Old Kerr space- proposal ongoing for more community space for Kerr hall residents.
 - xii. Substantial completion expected to be in April 2020 and hoping to start serving food by summer 2020.
 - xiii. Starbucks walk-up full-service kiosk/Box to be located between Hurley hall and Music building.
 - xiv. Einstein Brothers Bagels to be located at the new Art Building (CVAD expansion).
 - xv. In new agreement to have stand-alone Chick-fil-A beside Sage hall.
 - xvi. Students want to reduce Styrofoam/plastic.
 - xvii. Meal-plan pricing will not increase this year.
 - xviii. Average meal price for UNT consistently regarded as cheaper than other universities

III. Consent Agenda Discussion Items (10 minutes)

- i. **Ad Hoc and University Committees**
- ii. **Vote to approve**
 1. Katie Jenkins moved to approve, Seconded - motion passed

IV. Approval of Minutes

- i. No discussion
- ii. Justin moved, Allison and Jesse Seconded - motion passed and approved

V. Constituency Concerns (5 minutes)

- i. Textflex -staff members having real difficulties working with the company. There are lots of complications in using the account/benefit. Needs HR to address the subject
- ii. Commencement Parking - Fouts parking is extremely limited. Will be using F/S parking lots for some of the commencement parking. There is a likelihood that any F/S holders will need to park on the north side of campus. For both UNT and High School graduations holding around the same time. Maple will be closed on the Friday for shuttling.
- iii. Staff Appreciation Award- Concern over recognition and awards for specifically custodial/grounds staff. Need to consider inclusion of these staff members.
- iv. Diversity Award- Curiosity as to why this award was not given out this year.
- v. TRS retirement benefits issues in state congress still ongoing

VI. Officer Reports (10 minutes)

- a. Chair Report
 - i. Gallup poll has started, and everyone is encouraged to participate.
 - ii. Town hall meeting with the President is on April 25th at the Gateway Center.
 - iii. New vacant Senate positions- To replace Olivia Wood and Shane Elder.
 - iv. Staff Senate Year End Celebration- All in favor.
 - v. Swag ideas and suggestions needed for the end of the year purchases to pass out next year.
 - vi. Need volunteers for tabling for University day this Friday from 11 AM to 1:30
 - vii. Muhammed Kara (SGA President) - Thursday/Friday preachers will be on campus -
 1. SGA will be doing a block party by Sage on Thursday 4/11 - 11 AM to 4PM
 2. Safe space in Union for those that need it.
 3. Serves as an alternative to protesting.
- b. Chair-Elect Report – Suzan Cruz
- c. Budget Report – Josh Lukins
 1. Still within budget.
 2. More expenses expected toward year-end.
 3. To look into shirt purchase and order sizes.
- d. Communications Report – Karen Goss
 1. Call for nomination open - need people to self-nominate or nominate others.
- e. Parliamentarian Report – Devin Axtman
 1. Call for nominations - will be open until April 17th.
 2. You can nominate yourself.
 3. Voting will be open 22nd through 26th.
 4. Email for the link will go out within the next day.
 5. Results will hopefully be available by May 3rd.

VII. Staff Senate Committee Reports (10 minutes) -- these meetings will be held after the general meeting

- a. **Standing Committees –**
 1. Communications and Public Relations – Charlotte Cooke, Emiley Locey
 2. Bylaws and Elections – Stephanie McDonald, Corey Davidson
 3. Policy and Benefits Committee – Chris Cunningham
 - i. Dr. Teresa McKinney interested in speaking with Staff Senate and wants to partner with a committee, possibly Policy and Benefits Committee.
 4. Staff Development – Olivia Wood, Louise Dunn
 - ii. Lunch And Learn Updates- April 25th L&L with the President, Bob Brown and Dr. McGuire.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

- i. Flight memorial for fallen eagles at the south lawn between 12pm and 1pm on April 10th

XI. Adjournment: 4:16PM

XII. Standing Committee Meetings