

University of North Texas
Staff Senate General Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015, 3:00pm, Chestnut Hall, Room 324

Officers Present: Don Noska, Chair; Kristi Ormand, Vice Chair; Bonita White, Secretary; Pam Milner, Parliamentarian; Cheryl Benningfield, Treasurer; Gary Payne, Webmaster/Historian.

Members Present: Charles Andrews, Charlene Ballenger, Kathryn Beasley, Lori Belew, Carolyn Blevins, Wayne Campbell, Marjorie Donzello, Amy Fuller, Jordan Harmon, Keith Kopsky, Missy McCormick, Rachel McMullen, Mark Packer, Tara Petty, Eva Ruiz-Duvall, Shana Savoie, Kimberly Srader, and Kerry Stanhope.

Members Absent (With Notification): Christi Hestand, Peter Kaiser, Gwendolyn Moore, Shannon Smith, and Danielle Champayne.

Members Absent: Michael Baggett, Amanda Dayton, Chris Deaton, Shae Ebrahimi, Darlene Hargrove, Patricia Huckabee, Judy Hunter, Tracy Kaan, Shelby Kinsall, Hilary Liscano, Gina Lowe, John McIntire, Jessica Powell, Brett Robison, and Kevin Sanders.

Guests Present: Carolyn Sorrels, HR.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:07pm by the Chair, Don Noska. Attendees were reminded to sign the attendance log.

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION

Carolyn Sorrels discussed SAM activities. The Resource Fair was held in the Recreation Center this morning; provided good information and give-aways. Upcoming activities and events include Staff Spirit Day on 02/20, Apogee Club Level. Everyone is encouraged to wear green! You must RSVP for this event. Visit my unt.edu, training course to view training opportunities available this month. On 02/24, Luncheon in the Coliseum, 11:30-1:00, Awards and Door Prizes for staff members. On 02/28, MBB Staff Recognition Night, bring your family. Tickets are \$5; 4-pack is \$30.

III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Communications – No representative has volunteered to manage geocaching.
- b. Elections & Bylaws – Marjorie is stepping in as chair. There are significant changes to reapportionment. They will work on that, as well as tackle nominations. Target for nominations is after Spring Break, with elections in April before Finals.
- c. Employee Relations – Lori Belew reports they have had no meetings. They will work with HR on discount tickets and promotions.
- d. Staff Development – Kerry reported the Staff Resource Fair went well this morning. The filtered questions and concerns. They had potential future Senators sign up. They discussed benefits of membership with their visitors. He also requested assistance with the carnation efforts. He also inquired about returning to school information sessions during the SAM.

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IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. By-Laws Revisions/Refinements

V. NEW BUSINESS/CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

- a. Attendance: Discussed the importance of attendance for all meetings, full senate and committee. The Participation/Attendance requirements are stated in the By-Laws. The suggestion was made to consolidate meetings so senators are not out of the office for numerous meetings. This would require planning for break-out space.
- b. Elections Update: Would like to see submissions requests go out earlier to have more time for nominations, elections, etc.
- c. Legislative Session In Progress, changes will be effective September 1. See the bills online, Texas Legislative website. Vote for Stanley!
- d. Staff Survey: Would like this effort to begin earlier in the year in an effort to process the results in a more timely fashion and include 9-month staff. Keep this an annual survey. Some questions need to be tapered, some will be kept. Kerry & Danielle are willing to train anyone wanting to analyze the data. Russell Ruffin is the contact for Qualtrex training.
- e. Request for Staff Senate table cloth and/or pop-up banner for events.
- f. Webmaster's Report
- g. December and January Meeting Minutes will be emailed with voting buttons for approval.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Carnation Sales are going good. Amy requests assistance with plastic buckets for storage, volunteers for organizing and delivery. Meet in Crumly to assist. Sign-up sheet available.
- b. There are no updates on repay to State at this time. There is a hearing in Austin on Wednesday & Thursday, and UNT will have representatives in attendance.
- c. Missy McCormick passed out a handout regarding job shadowing opportunities.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16pm by the Chair.