



Meeting Minutes
Staff Senate Meeting
9 August 2016 | 3:00-5:00 PM
Union Senate Chambers #332

Officers Presents: Kristi Ormand, Chair; Cheryl Benningfield, Vice-Chair; Kerry Stanhope, Secretary; Christi Hestand, Treasurer; Kevin Sanders, Parliamentarian.

FY 15-16 Senators Present: Kathryn Beasley; Carolyn Blevins; Amber Bryant; Wayne Campbell; Chris Cunningham; Lisa Cuevas; Chris Deaton; Brandi Everett; Darlene Hargrove; Amelia Hiatt; Lucas Imel; Tammy McDaniel; Pamela Milner; Anna Pechenina; Adam Wear; Stacey Wolf.

FY16-17 Senators Present: Ann Bartts; Kathryn Beasley; Cheryl Benningfield; Carolyn Blevins; Russell Bouyer; Amber Bryant; Wayne Campbell; Travis Craig; Chris Cunningham; Ellysia Dierker; Dana Duke; Brandi Everett; Margaret Gant; Crystal George; Daisy Gillam; Karen Goss; Christi Hestand; Kathy Kamp; Nysa Love; Kristi Ormand; Anna Pechenina.

I. Call to Order at 3:10

II. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- a. Secretary Kerry Stanhope reported that minutes reflecting the cancellation of the July 2016 meeting were posted.

III. Welcome

- a. Chair Kristi Ormand welcomed new Senators for FY2016-2017 term to the meeting and introduced the Officers and Deborah Leliaert as one of our Cabinet level representatives.

IV. Staff Senate Standing Committee Reports

- a. Staff Development Committee-
 - i. Chair Kathryn Beasley reported that they finished the Back to School Lunch and Learns. The Lunch and Learn scheduled for August was cancelled because of lack of staffing and scheduling issues.
- b. Employee Relations Committee
 - i. Co-chair Wayne Campbell talked about the tours of the professional sports facilities in the area and about the latest tour of Texas Motor Speedway.

V. University and ad hoc Committee Reports

- a. Space Management and Planning Committee- Vice-Chair Cheryl Benningfield reported that committee had not met since May but was scheduled to meet again on August 29.
- b. Parking and Transportation Committee-
 - i. Chair Kristi Ormand reported that parking signage was changing, mostly around types of parking and hours when different permits were allowed to park in different lots. More information about changes can be found at <http://transportation.unt.edu/notice.html>.

- ii. Also Parking and Transportation Services has changed their name to Transportation Services, so committee is now called Transportation Committee.
- c. Fine Arts Committee- Committee have more updates in September.
- d. Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) Staff Development Committee Chair Kathryn Beasley reported that the committee reported that on September 28 they would be hosting a lecture with Brandon Stanton who started the Humans of New York blog. The committee is also finalizing the rest of the lineup for the FY16-17 year and will release that information after contracts have been signed.
- e. President's Committee on Staff Senate (PCSS) –
 - i. Deborah Leliaert, Vice President for University Relations and Planning, talked about the President's Committee on Staff Senate, including how in February the Staff Senate a resolution asking President Neal Smatresk to appoint a committee to review the Staff Senate. The review focused on how to strengthen the Senate and to study best practices of other staff representation at other institutions to make the UNT Senate more effective, create more access to Administration and improve communication with stakeholders. Deborah Leliaert and Joanne Woodard, Vice President for Institutional Equity and Diversity, were appointed co-chairs of the committee and asked to present recommendations to President Smatresk. Hope to report back on status of recommendations in September
 - ii. Limited details are available until President Smatresk reviews and approves the recommendations, but some items included a revised charter for the Senate; a policy of support for Staff Senate and provide specific guidelines on how the Senate can and should interact with the University Administration; methods to ensure equal representation of President's Cabinet areas on Senate; and best practices for bylaws and procedures.
 - iii. There should be a survey launching soon to gather baseline information from staff about importance of representation on Staff Senate and the connection they would want Staff Senate to have with the Administration.

VI. New Business

- a. New Senator Orientation- Chair Kristi Ormand, with the assistance of the officers present, reviewed the New Senator Orientation PowerPoint (see attachment).
- b. Election of FY16-17 Executive Committee- Senator Pamela Milner was asked to run the elections at the request of Chair Kristi Ormand. The FY16-17 elected officers are as follows:
 - i. Chair: Christi Hestand
 - ii. Vice-Chair: Gary Payne
 - iii. Secretary: Amber Bryant
 - iv. Treasurer: Kathryn Beasley
 - v. Parliamentarian: Kevin Sanders
 - vi. Communications Liaison: Brandi Everett

VII. Announcements

- a. None

VIII. Adjournment at 5:05 pm