University of North Texas
Staff Senate General Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016 – Union Senate Chambers Suite #332

Officers Present: Kristi Ormand, Chair; Cheryl Benningfield, Vice Chair; Christi Hestand, Treasurer

Members Present: Charlene Ballenger, Amber Bryant, Wayne Campbell, Ruth Cross, Chris Deaton, Brandi Everett, Tammy McDaniel, Rachel McMullen, Don Noska, Kerry Stanhope, Lucas Imel, Marjorie Donzello, Peter Kaiser, Matt Zabel, Adam Wear, Michelle Jack, David Denny.

Guests Present: Allen Clark, Mike Simmons, Brian Lane, Jim Conover, Kevin Crawford

I. CALL TO ORDER
Kristi Ormand called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES
December minutes were approved electronically.

III. QEP – Allen Clark and Mike Simmons
Allen Clark and Mike Simmons gave the Senate an update on the SACS accreditation process and notified us that the accreditation team will be on our campus March 21-23 to talk to campus constituencies about what we know about the Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) we have called “Career Connect”. They will be asking questions of faculty, staff and students and the report will be very important in the accreditation process. We will add this information to our March agenda also to continue to educate our campus of the Career Connect efforts.

IV. BYSTANDER INTERVENTION – Kevin Crawford
Officer Crawford provided a quick overview of what training programs he has as the Community Relations officer for our campus. He encouraged us to spread the word to others as he is able to come to any department/division/college to consult and train as needed.

V. SURVEY RESPONSES
No one was available to make a report on this. Kristi Ormand will put in an IT ticket to get rights to the website so the results can be posted.

VI. QUESTIONS FOR PRESIDENTS
Amber Bryant is working to get the list narrowed to 12 total questions for the President. She will then send this out to the Senate for electronic votes before the February meeting.

VII. OPEN SENATE SEATS
Lucas Imel has joined as a new member of the Staff Senate. Donald Noska will send out nomination forms and reminders to encourage increased participation.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.