

University of North Texas

Staff Senate General Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2015, Chestnut Hall, Room 130 A&B

Officers Present: Don Noska, Chair; Cheryl Benningfield, Treasurer; Gary Payne, Webmaster/Historian; Pamela Milner, Parliamentarian

Members Present: Charles Andrews, Charlene Ballenger, Kathryn Beasley, Lori Belew, Wayne Campbell, Chris Deaton, Marjorie Donzello, Shae Ebrahimi, Jordan Harmon, Peter Kaiser, Missy McCormick, Rachel McMullen, Brett Robison, Kevin Sanders, Shana Savoie, Kimberly Srader

2015 – 2016 Members Present for meet and Greet: Calvin Ballenger, Amber Bryant, Ruth Cross, David Denny, Brandi Everett, Lee Fulton, Ami Schackel, Adam Wear

Guests Present: Carolyn Sorrels, HR

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Noska called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm. A quorum was not present.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

June meeting minutes will be sent out via email for voting since a quorum was not present.

III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. *Elections & Bylaws* – No report.
- b. *Communications* – No report.
- c. *Employee Relations* – Reported by Wayne Campbell – AT&T Stadium VIP Guided Tour. To be held 11/7/15 for UNT Staff and their guests. Tickets are \$15 each. We should collect money for this by 10/5. It was suggested that we collect cash only and promote this event.
- d. *Staff Development* – No report.

IV. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. QEP – Cheryl Benningfield. A theme has been chosen – Community Engagement. They are in the planning stages for what that theme will actually mean, how to name it and doing focus groups.
- b. Bicycle Safety Committee – Shae Ebrahimi. The committee has met and looking at safety for riders and others.
- c. Distinguished Lecture Series – Don Noska. Contracts are pending with speakers. The speakers are chosen in conjunction with students and based around themes. Should be an exciting line up for 2015-2016.

It was mentioned to our 2015-2016 new Senators that committees, their structure and other pertinent information will be presented at our Transition Meeting in August.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. *By-Laws change, Webmaster/Historian to Communication Coordinator* – This was voted upon via email (with a quorum voting) prior to the meeting and the motion passed. Name will be updated in by-laws to Communications Coordinator.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

a. *Officer Elections for FY 2016*

Motion arose to suspend the agenda for 5 minutes to allow the Executive Committee to go into Executive Session in order to discuss the issue of not having a quorum present and officer elections for FY 2016. Motion passed and Executive Committee went into session.

Agenda proceeded at 3:40 pm. with nomination of officers from the floor (requests for nominations were also sent out prior to the meeting). Elections will occur at the 8/11/15 meeting if a quorum is present.

Nominations

<u>Chair</u> Kristi Ormand Cheryl Benningfield Gary Payne Don Noska – tentatively accepted (from the floor)	<u>Vice Chair</u> Kristi Ormand Cheryl Benningfield Pamela Milner – declined (from the floor) Lori Belew – accepted (from the floor)
<u>Treasurer</u> Cheryl Benningfield Christi Hestand Darlene Hargrove Lori Belew Shana Savoie – need to get acceptance (from the floor) Shannon Smith	<u>Secretary</u> Kimberly Srader Christi Hestand Shana Savoie Lori Belew Jordan Harmon – accepted (from the floor)
<u>Parliamentarian</u> Wayne Campbell Marjorie Donzello Jordan Harmon Kevin Sanders Christi Hestand Shana Savoie Pamela Milner	<u>Communications Coordinator</u> Gary Payne Shannon Smith Lori Belew – declined (from the floor) Kimberly Srader – accepted (from the floor)

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open enrollment for benefits ends Friday, 7/24/15

Staff Survey results, the committee is finalizing them and will have them ready to present to Executive Committee soon. Once approved and reviewed by the President a link will be sent to staff to review at their leisure.

Next meeting 8/11 in Chestnut 120

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.