

University of North Texas

Staff Senate General Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015 BLB 295

Officers Present: Kristi Ormand, Chair; Cheryl Benningfield, Vice Chair; Lori Belew, Secretary; Christi Hestand, Treasurer; Gary Payne, Communication Coordinator

Members Present: Calvin Ballenger, Charlene Ballenger, Kathryn Beasley, Carolyn Blevins, Amber Bryant, Wayne Campbell, Ruth Cross, Chris Deaton, Brandi Everett, Darlene Hargrove, Tammy McDaniel, Rachel McMullen, Pamela Milner, Don Noska, Brett Robison, Ami Schackel, Kimberly Srader, & Kerry Stanhope.

Guests Present: Matt Zabel, Scott Windham, Kimberly Sims, & Laurie Klein

I. Change Order of Business

Rachel McMullen moved to change the order of business to be right after the executive address in order to place our speakers at the beginning of the meeting. Darlene Hargrove seconded the motion.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Kristi Ormand called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

October Minutes – Sent out Electronic 22 Approve/0 Reject

IV. Guest Speaker

- a. Scott Windham – Santa’s Helpers/Toy Drive
8th year to have UNT sponsor. Needing Staff Senators for November 30th to help with wrapping the boxes for the Toy Drive. Boxes will be supplied. Scott suggested donations for the wrapping paper. Please pass the word around about the toy drive. If anyone has any questions, please contact Scott Windham at 940-369-7009 or scott.windham@untsystem.edu.
- b. Kimberly Simms – AGL Constructors is responsible for the 35Express project. The project includes south end 635 to North Texas Boulevard, Denton, Texas. I35 was built in the 1950/1960’s. The highway is the fourth largest in the area. Main part of the project is to have additional lanes for the traffic to move thru. They were creative during the planning stage. For any questions or concerns about the project please visit the web page www.35express.org. The web page will offer a 30 day outlook, photos, maps, and closures. If anyone has any questions, please contact Kimberly Simms at 214-483-7780 or ksims@35express.org.
- c. Laurie Klein (Director) & Ben Hanisian (Assistant Director)– Unt Recreational Sports Rec Center
Phol Rec Center Hours are Monday-Thursday form 6:00 am to 12:00 am, Friday 6:00 am – 10:00 Pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, and Sunday from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am. Open to all faculty and staff. Payroll deduction is offered. Faculty/staff full-time staff members are eligible for 20 minutes of administrative leave for one hour of daily exercise as approved by their supervisor. The rec center offers group exercises, weight room, lap pool & spa, leisure pool, climbing wall, outdoor pursuits, racquetball, tennis, badminton, & indoor soccer. If anyone has any questions, please contact Laurie Klein at 940-565-2275 or laura.klein@unt.edu.

V. Survey Conclusion Presentation

Cheryl Benningfield & Lori Belew had a meeting with the Employee Relations Committee (Wayne Campbell & Kerry Stanhope) and handed off the survey for the committee to disperse out to the Staff Senate for approval

and then give to the President for his viewing. The Employee Relations Committee decided that the survey was good to go with a few minor changes. Wayne Campbell will send the survey and the Staff Sentiment Comparison via email for electronic voting.

VI. Committee Goals vs. Activities

Cheryl Benningfield being Vice Chair is responsible for the goals of the committees. After overviewing the goals presented she thought that they were too broad and not specific enough. This was brought up to the Executive Committee which has revised the goals form to include accountability. Cheryl suggested that everyone review their goals and fill out the new form. Once that form has been filled out it should be sent to the Executive Committee for review. The EC will have a special meeting to meet and review the goals.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. *Elections & Bylaws* – Don Noska presented the bylaws before the Staff Senate for approval. Don went over all of the changes with the Senate. Due to time the Senate suggested that Don send out the bylaws via email for electronic vote.
- b. *Communications* – Geo Cashing – has had trouble loading up photos and needs to make sure we have approval of using photos from other sites. Facebook – The posts and likes have increased. If anyone could like the page it would help or tag someone that you know to help increase activity.
- c. *Employee Relations* – Staff Senate Survey will be handed over the Employee Relation Committee and will send it out the Staff Senate via email for voting. AT&T Tour Stadium was a success. Wayne Campbell passed around a couple of photos showing the number of attendees. Everyone involved had a great time.
- d. *Staff Development* – The committee is working on the lunch and learns and has a budget of \$300.00. They will be kicking off the lunch and learns around December 1, 2015. The committee is working on the ice cream social as well.

VIII. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Campus Carry – Town Hall meetings were had for Staff and Faculty, and Students. Currently working on the draft policy.
- b. Space Management and Planning – Attended first meeting. Nothing to report.
- c. Distinguished Lecture Series – Had a speaker last week.
- d. OIIT – December speaker – with input from campus.
- e. NT Daily – In the process of choosing a spring editor.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.