

Meeting Minutes -MAY 2, 2001

The Staff Senate met on Wednesday, May 2, 2001, in the Senate Room of the University Center with Russell Crosby, President-Elect, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

Senators present were: Fleming, Foy, Gaytan, Pirkle, Saiz, Sims, Wade, Wagner, Womble, Boyer, Clawson, Tillack, Segran, Whyburn, Benton, Blackmon, Kinghorn, Little, Peterson, Reynolds, Robbins, Vinson, C., White, Williams, Chavez, Lira, Moreno, Perez, Ramirez, Lowe, Vinson, R.

Senators C de Baca, Flores, P., Gonzalez, Billingsley, Ellis, Pruitt, and Harris were excused. Senators Cory, Love, Burt, Cates, Stow, Alcorta, Flores, N., and Torres were absent.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Jan Kinghorn, and seconded by Jeanine Reynolds that the minutes of the April 3, 2001 meeting be approved as written; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Pat Little and seconded by Emily Saiz that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; the motion passed unanimously.

Communication and Publication Committee

--Provost John Burns is scheduled to preside at the Appreciation and Inauguration Ceremony and Reception on July 11, 2001. Plans are being made for 100 guests and Senators. The event will be in Human Sciences 169. Sabrina Robbins and Jeanine Reynolds are the coordinators for the reception. Sidney Fleming will write a press release for the UD to announce the Appreciation/Inauguration Ceremony.

--Orientation of new Senators is scheduled June 27, 2001. The Executive Board will not meet.

--Officers have received job duties and responsibilities via e-mail, and should review them, make corrections and return to the committee.

--Jan Kinghorn reported that the Staff Senate's accomplishments to-date have been compiled. Senators with other ideas should contact Jan.

Sick Leave Committee

The Task Force has requested a review of the alternative policies from Jim Brown by May 9, 2001.

Election Committee

Elections are still underway. Meeting planned May 21, 2001 at KTXT-TV conference room at 8:30 a.m to count the ballots.

Ombudsman

Research still underway. General Counsel is reviewing legalities of the position, and other Texas universities are being contacted.

Time Off Rewards

The committee has drafted a policy explaining two options. The committee would like to consider both options. Kay Whyburn will research the program at HSC to determine how long in place, and any problems encountered.

Child Care Committee

Research is being conducted as to where to build the center, and cost to build. May visit other centers before a decision is made.

Budget Committee

--Treasurer Whyburn reported that the remaining Childcare Committee expenses would be rolled forward into the budget for 2002 as a Line Item.

--A cell phone was purchased for the Staff Senate President and some discretionary funds were approved for use by the president. The phone will only be used for Senate business. It was moved by Sidney Fleming and seconded by Sam Segran that the Budget for 2002 be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

The Nomination Committee will present a slate of candidates for officer elections at the June meeting. Anyone interested in running for office should contact Everne Williams or another member of the Nomination Committee.

Facilities Planning and Construction will give an update on the parking garage at the August meeting instead of the June meeting.

The University Strategic Planning Committee has updated the timelines and identified the key deadlines. They are: June 29 - submission of Unit Level Strategic draft plans

October 16 - submission of Area and Unit Level 2nd draft plans

November 15 - Final copies of Area and Unit Strategic Plans due

December 13 and 14 - presentation of University Strategic Plan to the Board of Regents

The Strategic Plan has been updated on the web site. Comments are encouraged.
<http://www.ttu.edu/~stratplan>.

New Business

Discussion focused on the safety problems presented at 15th and Akron during peak times, normally at the beginning of each semester and during heavy traffic times. Roger Vinson made the motion that a police officer be stationed at 15th and Akron at the beginning of each semester, during finals, at other critical times when traffic is heavy during the year, or as deemed necessary by the Traffic and Parking Committee. There were multiple seconds, and the motion passed unanimously.

Remote Parking

Because remote parking areas are not maintained by Tech, employees are not required to purchase permits.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next Executive Board Meeting: May 30, 2001

Next Staff Senate Meeting: June 6, 2001