

Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2002

Call to Order; Maurice Welch, President, Presiding.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

A quorum was present

Senators Present: Benton, Bowen, Boyer, Burns, Carson, Cates, Chavez, Chen, Cochran, Cooper, Crockett, Dragich, Fernandez, Ford, Goodyear, Guinn, Hunter, Jasper, Johnson, Kitten, Lewis, Lowe, Marshall, McAnear, McConnel, McDonald, Miranda, Nail, Reynolds, Rubino, Schuessler, Segura, Sims, Tiner, Vazquez, Wade, Welch.

Minutes from September 4, 2002 Meeting

There were no minutes to approve because of an illness to Phillip.

Treasurer's Report for August and September 2002

Jeanine Reynolds presented the reports.

Treasurer's Report for August and September were reviewed and no changes were noted. Motion was made and seconded to approve reports. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Communications and Public Relations

Ron Nail said the web site changeover is in progress.

Ron also needs someone to step in and learn how to take care of the site, since this is his last year on the Senate.

Nominations Committee

Pat Cates has the list of committees compiled, and will start calling Senators to get chairpersons for these committees.

Election Committee

Bill McDonald checked with personnel and was told if we translated anything to Spanish on our ballots, we had to do it all. Their suggestion was not to do it, at all. There was a motion made not to translate and it was seconded. The vote had 1 against, all the rest, in favor.

Bill talked about the fact that the color copy ballots showed a lot of returns for the clerical position. The big problem we have is the price difference between color, and black & white. Color copies would be \$.50, and black & white would be .03. The color-copied ballots were used because it looked more professional.

Bill brought up that the University is going to place a defibrillator in every building on campus, so if someone had a heart attack and needed one, it would be close. You will have to be trained to use this equipment. There will be free training going on soon; we will let you know when and where. We need to get people involved while we can get this training free, because when its over, there will be a charge for it.

Bill talked about the blue light van's that were picking people up and taking them to their cars late at night. We would like to know if they are still running and who is running them. The last time it was running the vans had no way to call anyone if there was something wrong.

Bill then gave the floor to Ms. Mauer from the SGA, and she had a story to tell us about the blue light phones. She said a while back a female student was not comfortable in one of the parking lots and used the blue phone, her call went straight to U.P.D. and they told her it was not their job anymore. So if it's not their job, whose is it? Ms. Mauer has contacted the U.P.D. about this and they have not responded as of 10/02/02.

Maurice Welch mentioned that in the next meeting we would try to get some answers. Ron Nail said that this would be something good for the Safety Coordinator's Meeting. He will look into that for us. Maurice Welch said that for the next meeting we would try to get someone from U.P.D., Citbus and the U.D. to come and give us some input.

Judy Hunter had brought up that they are still installing the blue phones on campus and we are paying for the service. Maurice asked Pat Cates if the Traffic and Parking Committee could handle this and she said yes. Mary Benton suggested that we table this until the next meeting, to see if we were going to get some answers from someone.

President's Report-Maurice Welch

Maurice brought up the problem we are having on campus with people not getting their mail. One group brought up was the mail addressed to the Employee of the Physical Plant. Most of these employees only have this kind of label on their mail; they do not get their name put on it. Maurice said we would form a new committee to try to figure this out. We are in need of people for this committee.

Maurice asked if there was any new business to discuss. Bill McDonald wanted to know what the Staff Senate focus was? What issues have we got pending, what have we accomplished? Maurice said the Senate was here for the betterment of the staff.

Judy said that we have solved many issues since becoming a group, and the newsletter would be a good way of telling the campus as a whole what we are doing and have done. Ron Nail said our central focus is for the staff, to make life on campus better for the staff. And that a lot of issues never make it to the Senate because they are discussed at the Executive Meeting and deemed not necessary to bring to the Senate.

Susan asked if anyone could attend to the meetings. She was told yes by numerous Senators. She asked if the U.D. could be notified of meetings. They would come and put something in the paper. Mary Benton said communication is the biggest problem that we have on campus.

Judy Tiner wanted to know how our newsletter would be funded and Maurice told her with Senate funds.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn by Steve Boyer and seconded by Bryan Carson. Motion carried.

Next Executive Board Meeting October 30, 2002, Llano Estacado Room

Next Staff Senate Meeting November 6, 2002, Senate Room