Texas Tech University Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2010

Call to Order:  2010-2011 Staff Senate President, Beverly Pinson
3:00 pm, Senate Room, Student Union Building

Officers Present:  
Bruce Bills, President Elect
Meredith Gooch, Secretary
Dale Ganus, Treasurer

Roll Call:  
56 of 67 senators present (3 vacancies).
Absent:  11

Minutes:  
August 2010 meeting minutes approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report:  
August beginning balance:  $  __3,837.95
Expended:         __286.01
Encumbrances:          __89.50
Ending balance:   $  _3,551.94

Treasurer’s Report was approved as presented.

Guest Speakers:  
Dr. Taylor Eighmy, Vice President for Research
• Update on Research Space
• From the external perspective there is concern and emotion – transparency is important
• Texas is very supportive of national research university
• Accountabilities-justify spending money-performance on how we are using their dollars
• SPACE is important-part of portfolio to manage things
• From the internal persepective-focus on the strategic plan which is a state requirement (to see the Strategic Plan, please visit the Provost’s webpage or Dr. Eighmy’s)
• RCM-new management system which is very transparent

New Business:
1. Special Recognitions – Britta Tye (birthdays)
2. Handed out Staff Senate shirts
3. President’s report – Beverly Pinson
4. Britta Tye is working on a SECC campaign- “Pass the Hat” and will present it to the Senate at the October 6, 2010 meeting
5. Bruce Bills is representing the staff at the Faculty Senate
Standing Committee Reports:
1. Technology:  Good first meeting; Check us out on Facebook and Twitter; added scholarship apps to the website; make sure and check Sharepoint-log in and make sure you have access and check Sharepoint for the minutes and treasurer’s reports each month.
2. Bylaws and Constitution:  The committee is up and running; going to meet on September 7th
3. Communications/Public Relations:  December meeting is going to be on the 8th at the Frazier; September 15th will be the first meeting; going to order new promo items; NEO volunteers needed; Still accepting staff morale booster ideas
4. Elections:  In compliance now
5. Grievance:  No report
6. Issues:  Had first meeting and there are 3 pending issues
7. Nominations:  Turning in final list of committees soon; gender equity and green task force committees are up in the air right now…not sure if they will continue to be committees
8. Scholarships:  The committee is up and running and the applications are up

Special Committee Reports:
9. Parking:
10. Family Care:
11. Student Life:
12. Strategic Planning:
13. Gender Equity:

Announcements:
1. Next Executive Board meeting is September 29, 2010 at 3:30pm in Admin 244.
2. Next Staff Senate meeting is October 6, 2010 at 3 p.m. in the SUB Senate Room.