

Texas Tech University

Staff Senate

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2011 - CORRECTED

I. Call to order

Senate President Bruce Bills called to order the regular meeting of the **Staff Senate** at **4 p.m.** on **October 5, 2011** in the **Senate Room**.

II. Roll call

Staff Senate Secretary, Sarah Obenhaus, conducted a roll call. The following officers were present: Bruce Bills, President; Adrien Bennings, President Elect; Sarah Obenhaus, Secretary; Dale Ganus, Treasurer; 49 staff senators present.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Guy Bailey – discussed TTU budget, legislation, student support, research efforts, asked the Board of Regents about the possibility of reinstating Merit Pay but encourage staff senators to keep this information on the down low, conference realignment and what it means to TTU; opened the floor to questions – in response to Senator Espinosa regarding Tier 1 status-good shape, met 5 of 6 criteria, more than 50 million for research funding, 200+ PhD graduates and will meet these criteria second year as well; in response to Senator Hays regarding trends for the next biennium-state still struggling, no new wind fall of money but nothing worse, treading water for at least 3 yrs; in response to Senator Elliot regarding the focus on athletics-educational development, long term trends see undergraduate research very important.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

September 7, 2011 minutes were unavailable to be approved. These minutes will be presented for approval at the October 5, 2011 regular staff senate meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Senator Gilchrest motioned to approve treasurer's report, Senator Mondt seconded, motion approved.

Budget Report – Staff senate shirts purchased; Senator Schuessler motioned to approve budget report, Senator Mancini seconded, motion approved.

IV. Open issues

- a) Senator Phillips – special elections will be tables because we are close to new elections; all positions currently filled per the Senate Constitution.
- b) Ad Hoc – *(correction)*Proposals moved to the By Laws committee report.

V. New business

- a) Senator Louder – presented information from the Ethics Center; beneficial for additional training on ethics; calling for volunteers to assist, would like staff perspectives; President Bills will email senate EEO groups for volunteers.
- b) **By-Laws**-Senator Mancini presented the first reading of the 5 proposals of the By-Law amendments; during the discussion Senator Wilde recommended the removal of the term “added”; *(correction) there will be one more reading presented prior to moving the proposals to Dr. Bailey’s review.* **Grievance**-no report; **Elections/Nominations**-no report; **Issues**-Senator Spallholtz reports on working with 3 open issues; **Scholarship**-Senator Gilcrest reports the staff senate scholarship application is on the website, application was adjusted for ease of use, please encourage staff members to apply; **Communication & Public Relations**-Senator Lusk reports the senator spotlight for the Staff Insider will begin with the Executive Staff Officers, after October edition the selection will be random, Senator Bosch to assist; **Technology**-no report; **Community Committees**-no report
- c) For information regarding the changes to the Meet and Greet please contact Senator Lusk.
- d) Staff Senators please collect your staff senate shirts.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 4:57 pm.