



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate™

Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2012

Call to Order: 2012-2013 Staff Senate President, Jeff Hays
4:04 p.m., Mesa Room - SUB

Officers Present: Jeff Hays, President
Christine Self, President Elect
Tamara Mancini, Secretary
Micheal Gunn, Parliamentarian

Guest Speaker(s):

Dr. Lawrence Schovanec, Interim TTU President

Dr. Schovanec spoke to the Staff Senate about goals and priorities of the University. He stressed that staff is essential to the function of the university. He said that students' first point of contact is usually a staff member and that tends to make the students' experience better. He also said we need to be full partners with all entities on campus in order to move forward.

Other points of interest:

- \$8.4 million for research raised this fiscal year.
- 2nd largest Freshmen class in Tech history, but graduate enrollment numbers are down
- 10,000 freshmen left the state of Texas to seek education elsewhere
- Dr. Schovanec would like to place a priority on recruiting in "Tech's own backyard."
- 140+/- active searches for new faculty (TTU took \$ that was being held centrally for Deans/Colleges to fill open positions)

Eric Crouch, Traffic & Parking Services

Mr. Crouch spoke about the overall campus transportation and parking plan. He also explained the park/pay system where during the day visitor spaces are metered, but after 5:30 one must have a current permit or feed the meter. The park/pay system will be expanding into parking lots within the main circle of campus, not in the outer parking lots.

This was an informational meeting and no business was conducted due to lack of quorum.

Roll Call: 36 senators present for quorum (39).

Quorum is 2/3 of the filled positions. We have **58** total Senators.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.