



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate™

Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2013

Call to Order: 2012-2013 Staff Senate President, Jeff Hays
4:00 p.m., Senate Room - SUB

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

New Business:

1. VOTE Staff Senate support of SGA's Child Care Facility Resolution – This item for vote was explained as an ongoing campus issue. The SGA, as well as the Faculty Senate, have written resolutions and brought the issue to campus administration. At this time, we are simply asking for Senate support of the SGA's recent resolution. This item passed, unanimously.
2. VOTE to incorporate new OP Review Committee and recommend that OP 10.01 be revised to add notification of the Staff Senate when a new OP affecting staff is proposed where it currently reads “The OP Office will notify the Faculty Senate whenever a new OP affecting faculty is proposed.” – President-Elect Self shared this idea with the Senate – explaining that it was brought to her attention that there are operating policies that the Senate could review as they are specific to staff members. The Executive Board decided to bring it to the full Senate as a new committee. There was a question about examining all the operating policies that come up for review, but it was clarified that this committee would be sent the specific operating policies that pertain to staff. Senator Gilchrest asked about the need to make this a permanent committee, and that there may need to be a change in Bylaws, but Parliamentarian Gunn clarified that once the committee was established, the Senate can vote to change Bylaws and place this OP Review Committee as a standing Staff Senate Committee. The vote to incorporate this committee was passed.
3. VOTE July's Transitional Meeting – motion to suspend regular business in July in order to have the annual end of year change in office ceremony. This vote was passed, and everyone was reminded that President Nellis would be there to speak and that the meet and greet begins at 3:30 with the meeting starting at 4:00.
4. VOTE 2013-2014 Executive Board: There was a vote for each individual office. President Elect needs to be a current, 1st Year Senator because it is a 2 year term. Anna Young and Blake Groves were nominated. Anna Young won the vote. David Mondt was nominated for the treasurer position, and was elected by vote. Blake Groves was nominated for the secretary position, and was elected by vote. The 2013-2014 Executive Board is:
President: Christine Self, President-Elect: Anna Young. Treasurer: David Mondt, and Secretary: Blake Groves.



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5. Survey for senators rotating off – This survey was presented to the Senate and explained that this is an assessment to improve Senate life. It will be completely anonymous. Everyone agreed to go ahead with the survey.

Roll Call: **36** senators present for quorum (30).

We have 45 total Senators.

Minutes: There was a motion by Senator Gunn, seconded by Senator Sammy and the minutes from the minutes from the previous meeting were passed.

Treasurer's Report: There was a motion from Senator Gunn, seconded by Senator Groves, and the treasurer's report was passed.

Announcements:

Committee Reports:

Staff Senate Committees:

Constitution & By-laws – nothing new to report

Elections/Nominations – There are 25 new Senators and alternates (and some of them are in attendance today). We still need people in the Service EEO classification, and there are a total of 10 open slots for Senators.

Grievance – nothing new to report

Issues – There was one new issue where a staff person commented on the lack of outdoor drinking fountains. The Committee contacted Facilities – Hugh Cronan, and he said there are no new plans because of sanitation and maintenance. It was mentioned that as fountains break on campus in buildings, they would be replaced with fountains designed to be able to fill water bottles.

Public Relations & Communication – Stacy Elliot spoke for the committee and she shared that the Tech Advantage raised approximately \$6000 for scholarship funds, there were around 600 staff members in attendance, and there were 74 door prizes given away.

Scholarship – The deadline for the summer scholarship is this Friday, and we give away 10 each summer. There was a question about how to use the money raised from Tech Advantage, so that will be a new task for the Scholarship and Executive Board to tackle in the new year. Some people mentioned setting up an endowment because we want to raise the number of scholarships instead of the amount given. Again, this is something the new scholarship committee will research.

Technology – nothing new to report

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m., by a motion made by Senator Gunn, and seconded by Senator Sammy.