



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate™

Meeting Minutes October 2, 2013

Call to Order: 2013 - 2014 Staff Senate President, Christine Self
4:01 p.m., Senate Room - SUB

Officers Present: Christine Self, President
Anna T. Young, President Elect
Blake Groves, Secretary
David Mondt, Treasurer
Ben Montecillo, Parliamentarian

Guest Speaker(s): Alan Cushman, Manager Business Development – Hospitality Services

Alan spoke of the many different types of events the Department does in the community. Recently they had a served dinner for 1,400 – the only one in town that has the capability to pull such events. The 3 dining plans for staff are available at any time and are good way to save some money. He did mention that the Department is in the process of revamping the Staff dining plans to be more economically efficient. New projects for Hospitality Services include: The Fresh Plate at Horn/Knapp – all you care to eat healthy options, a new Sam's Express location in the College of Media and Communications, a national outlet in the Burkhart Center for Autism Education, the new Petroleum Engineering building, West Campus development, and a food truck are all in the process of joining their extensive eateries around campus.

Roll Call: **34** senators present for quorum (31).
We have 51 total Senators.

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

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

Old Business:

1. President Self shared the results from the Staff Senate Exit Survey. These Senators that responded were heavily involved in several committees.
2. To get more staff members involved/aware of what the Staff Senate completes, there was discussion to post the previous minutes on TechAnnounce.



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New Business:

1. Senator Wilkinson gave a brief overview of the SharePoint site. All Senators have access to the main page; those belonging to committees will have access to those specific tabs. These are great for discussing shared ideas. This is a great tool to assign tasks within committees and finding specific posts. The ATLC offers short courses if anyone needs an introduction to SharePoint.
2. Staff Senate has a phone again, with the new Lync system a calling group can be set up. The number is 806.742.7555

Announcements:

1. Center for Campus Life is searching for a Student Advisor, contact Will Lopez (William.s.lopez@ttu.edu) if you have any questions.
2. SECC is continuing; please try to contribute where you can amongst the Government spending cuts.
3. Senator Elliott worked the last NEO, everything was great and there are plenty that want to volunteer.

Committee Reports:

Staff Senate Committees:

Constitution & By-laws – Nothing new to report at this time

Elections/Nominations – Nothing new to report at this time

Grievance – Nothing new to report at this time

Technology – Nothing new to report at this time

OP Review - Nothing new to report at this time

Issues – Issue of the Staff Dining plan provided by Hospitality Services is too expensive. While we had a representative of Hospitality as a guest speaker, they explained that the issue becomes one of extending credit.

Communications & Public Relations – Working quite heavily on getting TechAdvantage going. Their next meeting was on October 11th.

Scholarships – Received 36 applications and are in the process of scoring them now. The plan is to notify recipients on October 9th.

Community Committees:

Faculty Senate – They reviewed a few OP's, Staff Senate now has a standing committee to review any OP that deals with Staff that are new or up for review.

Parking – Will meet this week

Diversity & Equity Advisory – Dr. Juan Munoz talked of Tech being at 19% Hispanic population with the intention of increasing to 25% over the next few years to obtain Hispanic serving institution.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m., by a motion made by Senator Montecillo, and seconded by Senator Phelan.