Staff Senate Monthly Meeting
January 04, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Liz Inskip-Paulk at 4:00pm.

Liz welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Scott Layher, Assistant Director for Marketing at the TTU Rec Center spoke about Rec memberships for staff. Alan Cushman, Unit Manager for Hospitality Services spoke about on-campus dining options / staff meal plans.

Administrative Business – quorum present

Robert Long motioned to approve past minutes. Randy Baker seconded.

Billy Tiongco gave the financial report / outlined the spring budget.

New Business – audible traffic crossings will be added on campus. Our speaker next month will address this issue. Any opinions, information, etc. can be sent to Liz via email.

What’s up in your world?
• Christy Norfleet asked about the cost of the MBA Exec program. Full costs (fees) are not covered by Employee Tuition Assistance Funding.
• MLK Day volunteer opportunities are available. Liz has more information.
• Steve Maines encouraged everyone to attend Red Raider & Lady Raider basketball games.
• Andrea Watson – Student Media has photo re-prints for sale. They also do headshots for departments and event photography. Email her at andrea.watson@ttu.edu for pricing and additional information.

Standing Committee Reports:
• Constitution / By-Laws – Revisions up for 2nd vote. Wiley Guy motioned to accept revisions. Steve Maines seconded.
• Elections / Nominations – Randa Roberson – committee is working on elections timeline. Will be combining elections w/ Tech Advantage again. Will be advertising in techannounce more than in past years. Committee has also discussed ideas of voting stickers, online bios of nominees, allowing nominees to accept or decline their nomination, a watch party, and additional announcements via social media. The committee has also discussed allowing voting across EEO classes. Liz asked for a proposal for the election process.
• Diversity – Florencio Aranda III – will be involved w/ Diversity week on campus. Takes place the week after spring break. Next meeting is Jan 30th. Stay tuned for more information.
• Issues – Adrien Bennings – nothing to report
• PR / ADV – Speaker Series will be January 12th. Everyone attending needs to RSVP. Next 2nd Cup of Coffee event is Jan. 18th or 19th. Alan will finalize and send details.
• Scholarships – Christy Rosson – application is online now. Due Jan 30th. Encourage everyone in your area to apply!
• Technology – Josh Pia – nothing new to report.
• OP Review – Stephanie Bohn / Wiley Guy – nothing new to report.

Standing University Committees:
• University Parking – Billy – committee meets Jan. 11th.
• Faculty Senate – Liz – discussed campus carry, tenure, performance evaluations
• Academic council – Ashlee Brown – discussed programs for additional grad communications – e-learning, communication, digital media & professional communications. E-learning 24/7 support center is now live.
• Provost Council – Liz – provost search is underway. Interviews being held in Dallas.
• President’s Cabinet – Liz – a new council for president includes joint efforts w/ TTU & community leaders

Ad-Hoc Committees:
• Strategic Planning Council – Liz – updating current plan through 2025. Have conducted 2 rounds of focus groups.
• Staff Education Committee – Josh Pia will be hosting an event in a computer lab on campus to have staff senators review past minutes and update a spreadsheet to document staff senate accomplishments from 1999 – present.

Other:
Liz has been doing research of other Big XII staff senates. She wants to produce a best practices handbook that can be passed down to officers each year. She will be meeting w/ the president next week to discuss salaries received by other “governments” on campus.

Billy gave away basketball (6 games) and Mike Marshall tickets.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:59. Florencio motioned. Ali Luempert seconded.