

Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2000

The Staff Senate met on Wednesday, February 2, 2000, in the Senate Room of the University Center, with PeeWee Roberson, President, presiding. Senators present were: Cory, Flores, Graham, Nava, Nichols, Pirkle, Schuessler, Sims, Smith, Weaver, Clawson, Samarripas, Tillack, Billingsley, Segran, Whyburn, Bell, Ellis, Hunter, Kinghorn, Little, Prado, Stow, Welch, Burns, Lira, Chavez, and Thomas. Senators Curlee, Saiz, Trischitti, Segura, Meriwether, Silvas, White, Widener, Williams, Crosby, and Harris were excused.

Recognition of Guests

President Roberson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed the alternate senators and other guests: Gene West, Art Glick, and Gail Wolfe.

Gene West, Vice President for Operations

Gene West, Vice President for Operations, reported on the Traffic and Parking plan for the University; this report was presented and approved by the Board of Regents at its December meeting. Slides were shown of parking lots and capacity taken during the first part of October showing how many places were used between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. (peak time). A survey has been distributed to everyone that currently has a parking space. This survey will be used to determine reserved and area reserved spaces in lots. It was noted that most everyone that wants a reserved parking place would receive one. Area reserved spaces will be oversold by approximately 20 percent. If you have had a reserved parking place and choose to go to area reserve and your assigned lot is full, Lots R1, R2, and R17 will become the overflow lots. The presentation included proposed parking garages on campus and it is hoped that the first garage will be completed and ready by 2002. This year reserved parking spaces will be \$250/yr. and area reserved will be \$90/yr.; the cost for both reserved and area reserved will increase next fiscal year.

Minutes

It was moved by Kerry Billingsley and seconded by Sandy Ellis that the minutes of the December 1, 1999, meeting be accepted as recorded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Treasurer's Report (Requires Acrobat Reader) was distributed to those present. It was noted that the numbers are up-to-date in the report.

Committee Reports

Communications and Public Relations Committee:

Craig Wheeler, who is doing graduate work, has resigned as chair of this Committee and from the Staff Senate. Pat Little is the new chair of this Committee. It was reported that the boxes of donated hygiene items were delivered to Women's Protective Services and they expressed appreciation. There is a page on the web site listing the benefits available for faculty and staff on campus. If anyone does not have access to the Web page, they can get a printed copy of this listing by contacting Pat Little in the Vice President for Student Affairs Office..

Day Care Committee:

Kerry Billingsley reported for Christy Meriwether that the Child Care Committee has received \$1,500 from TTU and \$1,500 from TTUHSC to help fund a needs assessment; 8,000 surveys will be distributed between TTU and TTUHSC. In March, representatives from the Committee will be traveling to Austin to visit a child care site at the University of Texas. Departments are being asked to fund the travel for these representatives.

Election Committee

Steve Clawson reported for Emily Saiz. Nomination forms have been mailed to all eligible staff. The Committee asks that Staff Senators encourage other individuals to return nomination form(s). Please note that the individual agreeing to be nominated must sign the form before it is returned.

Nomination Committee

President Roberson stated that anyone desiring to serve on a committee should notify Everne Williams.

President's Report

The Presidential Search Committee has completed the job description. President Roberson noted that he had asked that the job description include a continuing relationship between the President and the Staff Senate. The Committee feels that the search for a new President needs to be a national search. President Roberson noted that Craig Wheeler has resigned and has been replaced by Shannon Sims. Dan Burns, President-Elect, has also resigned and Sam Segran will be taking his place as Staff Senator. An election of the Staff Senate members will be held to replace the President-Elect.

New Business Election of President-Elect:

The election could not be held at this meeting because a quorum of Staff Senators (31) was not present. The election will be held at the March meeting. Staff Senators need to arrange to be present.

Resolution for University Daily:

Darrel Thomas will chair an ad hoc committee to determine if a resolution is needed to support the University Daily.

Next Meetings

Staff Senate Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 2000, Llano Estacado Room, UC, 3 p.m

Staff Senate Meeting, Wednesday, March 1, 2000, Senate Room, UC, 3 p.m.

Staff members are invited to attend Staff Senate Meetings, if they so desire.