

Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2000

The Staff Senate met on Wednesday, March 1, 2000, in the Senate Room of the University Center, with PeeWee Roberson, President, presiding. Senators present were: Cory, Curlee, Flores P., Graham, Nava, Nichols, Pirkle, Saiz, Schuessler, Sims, Smith, Trischitti, Weaver, Clawson, Samarripas, Segura, Tillack, Billingsley, Segran, Whyburn, Bell, Ellis, Hunter, Kinghorn, Little, Meriwether, Stow, Welch, White Widener, Williams, Burns, Crosby, Flores, N., Garcia, Lira, Rocha, Chavez, Harris, Stubbs, and Thomas. Senators Sims and Prado were excused.

Recognition of Guests

President Roberson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed the alternate senators, J. Stalcup, and other guests.

Minutes

It was moved by Steve Clawson and seconded by David Tillack that the minutes of the February 2, 2000, meeting be accepted with a correction under the Election Committee that Steve Clawson reported, not David Tillack; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was distributed to those present. It was noted that the numbers are up-to-date for January and February. The budget for the next year is due and the Treasurer asked for input. There were no questions from the floor. It was noted that the budget request will go to Mr. Brunjes requesting that all funding be carried forward to the next year.

Committee Reports

Communications and Public Relations Committee:

A thank you note was read from Women's Protective Services. A copy of an article, which appeared in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal on February 26, 2000, "Proposal to up Co-Payment May devour State Pay Raises" was distributed to the Staff Senate. Gloria Hale, Assistant Vice President Human Resources, told the Senators that the Employees Retirement System of Texas board will consider this proposal in April and after that meeting she will be able to discuss what was determined regarding the matter of health insurance. At the December Staff Senate meeting Resolution 99.07, stating the sentiments of the

Staff Senate concerning renaming the Student Recreation Center to the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center was discussed. The Staff Senate was in favor of this resolution, however, this was to be a surprise for Dr. Ewalt and only a letter was sent forward to Dr. Haragan stating that the Staff Senate fully supported the naming of the Student Recreation Center for Robert H. Ewalt upon his retirement from Texas Tech. Therefore, at this meeting, it was moved by Steve Clawson and seconded by Russell Crosby that Resolution 99.07 be accepted; the motion passed unanimously.

Benefits and Retirement Committee

Betty (Mary) Blanton, Associate Director, Recreational Sports, has agreed to serve a three-year term on the Benefits and Retirement Committee for the University.

Election Committee

It was reported that nomination forms have been received and the Committee is waiting on the reply form, of 50 words or less, from those that have been nominated.

Grievance Committee

A draft copy of the Grievance Procedures was distributed. Action: Staff Senators are to read the document and be prepared to make comments and discuss the document at the next meeting.

President's Report

The Presidential Search Committee will be meeting to review the pool of applicants next week. Melanie Ables has resigned and Linda Turner will take her place on the Staff Senate. Staff Senators were asked to make sure that people know about the Workplace Violence Workshop. OP 76.10 discusses what to do regarding workplace violence. Gloria Hale noted that all threats will be taken seriously and that there is a Threat Assessment Team on campus. All threats need to be reported to your supervisor immediately. President Roberson noted that when we ask people to visit with the Staff Senate regarding issues, we need to remember that they are also staff of the University and should be treated respectfully.

President Roberson noted that the Staff Senate will not win all the battles but this forum provides an opportunity for our voices to be heard. One of the biggest concerns regarding establishment of the Staff Senate was how we would be perceived on campus. It is important that as a Staff Senate we fight the battles that we can-our perception is getting better and better. We have developed an OP, and have been able to make our voice heard regarding parking, however, the Board of Regents made the final

decision. At the present time, there are good relationships between the Staff Senate and the upper administration, and it is the goal of the Staff Senate to keep a good perception across campus. The Staff Senate is being supported in a very positive way and our goal is to make sure that this relationship continues.

Dr. Shonrock has asked that three staff members be appointed to serve on several committees

Action: Everne Williams will be taking names of anyone interested in serving.

President Roberson distributed to the group a sheet showing the duties of the President of the Staff Senate.

Action: All Executive Board members are to make out a sheet showing their duties.

New Business Absences of Senators

After some discussion, it was moved by Janice Kinghorn and seconded by Maurice Welch that the issue of absences from Staff Senate meetings be given to the By Laws Committee for consideration and bring back a report to the next meeting; the motion passed unanimously. Gayle Stow and Mike Hurlow will also serve on this Committee. The Committee will meet and at that time determine a new Chair for the Committee.

Action: Committee to present a report at the April 5, 2000 meeting.

Election of President-Elect

The following individuals were nominated for President-Elect: Kerry Billingsley, Russell Crosby, Maurice Welch; Kerry Billingsley was elected by the Staff Senators.

E-mail

A copy of the TTU.EDU E-mail Alias Policy and the State of Texas published guidelines recommending that all state employees have an intuitive institutional e-mail address so that they may be easily reached by the public was distributed by Sam Segran and J. Stalcup. The policies can be found on www.net.ttu.edu/docs/email_alias.htm or you can find an application form to request a personal ttu.edu alias on the web at www.net.ttu.edu/alias/default.htm. Action: If anyone is having a problem regarding E-mail addresses they need to contact J. Stalcup at J.Stalcup@ttu.edu.

Next Meetings

Staff Senate Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 29, 2000, Llano Estacado Room, UC, 3 p.m.

Staff Senate Meeting, Wednesday, April 5, 2000, Senate Room, UC, 3 p.m.

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