

Meeting Minutes - March 3, 1999

The Staff Senate met on Wednesday, March 3, 1999, in the Senate Room of the University Center with Pee Wee Roberson, President, presiding. Senators present were: Flores, Nava, Nichols, Pirkle, Ponticell, Saiz, Schuessler, Smith, Trischitti, Weaver, Clawson, Samarripas, Segura, Tillack, Burns, D., Whyburn, Bell, Ellis, Hall-Sjue, Hunter, Kinghorn, Little, Meriwether, Welch, White, Widener, Williams, Burns, J., Crosby, Flores, Garcia, Lira, Sandoval, Ramos, Rocha, Zavala, Harris, Thomas. Senators Billingsley and Prado were excused; Senators Ables, Cox, Graham, Wheeler, Silvas, and Stubbs were absent.

Recognition of Guests

President Roberson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed the alternate Senators Cory, Turner, Burt, Cook, Hurlow, Cates, Segran, Fisher, Stow, Ryan, Barnett, and Lacy, and any guests.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 17, 1999, meeting were approved as written with the correction to the time to 1:10 p.m. and adding the words "first reading" ... and "second reading" of the Bylaws. It was moved by Cliff Harris and seconded by Beth Trischitti that the minutes be accepted as written with the corrections noted.

Treasurer Report

Kerry Billingsley was absent due to a conflict in meetings and Christy Meriwether presented the Treasurer's Report. There was some discussion on the cost of distribution of the minutes and it was moved by Christy Meriwether and seconded by Maurice Welch that this item be given to the Communication Committee to discuss and bring back a recommendation to the group.

Communication Committee

Nothing to report.

President's Report

President Roberson distributed a sheet delineating the "Five Basic Principles of Parliamentary Procedure." He noted that everyone has a voice. There were no questions from the floor.

It was noted that the meeting agenda would be put on the Staff Senate Web Site.

Old Business

Bylaws Committee

Several changes and additions were made in the Bylaws on the second reading. With corrections so noted, it was moved by Beth Trischitti and seconded by Maurice Welch that the Bylaws be accepted; the thirty-nine senators present voted unanimously and the motion was approved.

Executive Board Elections

Each classification elected its own representative to the Executive Board; the election results are as follows:

Clerical

Beth Trischitti, Mike Smith, and Beverly Pirkle were nominated; after the first vote there was a runoff between Mike Smith and Beth Trischitti, Beth withdrew, and Mike Smith was elected.

Crafts/Trade

Steve Clawson and Rudy Samarripas were nominated; Rudy withdrew his name from consideration and Steve was elected.

A question was raised as to whether or not an Alternate Senator could nominate individuals for representation on the Executive Board. Reference was made to the Bylaws.

Executive/Administrative/Management

Kay Whyburn will serve as the representative on the Executive Board; all other Senators in this category are already on the Executive Board.

Professional

Judy Hunter and Barbara White were nominated; two votes were taken and there was a tie each time. Judy and Barbara will both attend the Executive Board Meeting on March 31, and at the next Staff Senate meeting on April 7, another vote will be conducted.

Service

Jeff Burns and Ninfa Flores were nominated; Jeff Burns was elected.

Technical/Paraprofessional Darrell Thomas was nominated and elected by acclamation.

New Business

President Roberson asked the group what speakers or topics should be considered for future meetings; the following items were suggested:

President of the Faculty Senate

Invite an off-campus representative to discuss Benefits and Retirement as it relates to Social Security

Parking

Master Plan

Privatization

An e-mail letter from Pegeen M. Kramer, University of Texas-Austin was distributed for information. President Roberson said that he had responded to this letter by e-mail.

Next Meetings

Due to the fact that the Senate Room is unavailable for April and May, the next two meetings will be held as follows:

Wednesday, April 7, 1999, Holden Hall, Room 75, 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 1999, University Center, Matador Room, 3:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meetings will be held as follows:

Wednesday, March 31, 1999, 3:00 p.m., University Center, Llano Estacado Room

Wednesday, April 28, 1999, 3:00 p.m., University Center, Llano Estacado Room

The question was asked if the Staff Senate will be meeting during the summer months; the answer was yes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.