

Meeting Minutes - October 6, 1999

The Staff Senate met on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, in the Senate Room of the University Center with PeeWee Roberson, President, presiding. Senators present were: Cory, Curlee, Flores, Graham, Nava, Pirkle, Saiz, Schuessler, Trischitti, Weaver, Wheeler, Clawson, Samarripas, Segura, Billingsley, Burns, Whyburn, Bell, Ellis, Hall-Sjue, Hunter, Meriwether, Prado, White, Widener, Williams, Crosby, N. Flores, Garcia, Lira, Sandoval, Rocha, Chavez, Harris, Stubbs, Thomas

Recognition of Guests

President Roberson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed the alternate senators: Turner, Cook, Cates, and Segran, and special guests: Gene West, Vice President for Operations; Dewey Shroyer, Grounds Maintenance; Gail Wolfe, Traffic and Parking; and Carrie Evans, Student Senate.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Burns and seconded by Harris that the minutes of the meeting held September 1, 1999, be approved with the following corrections: President Roberson made a correction to the President's Report that Lewis Held is not the President of the Faculty Senate and it was noted that the date of the minutes should be September instead of August. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed to those present. Kerry Billingsley noted to the Senate that it is a two-sided report. The following clarifications were made: expenses as of September 1999 were \$567.88, a one time mail stop fee of \$235.00, and communication services will show next month.

Committee Reports

Christy Meriwether received a proposal from an employee from Human Development requesting an investigation into a campus daycare center. Human Development is petitioning for a Quality Accredited Childcare Center to be created on the Texas Tech campus. A formal recommendation was sent to the Senate to organize a Childcare Exploratory Committee made up of staff, faculty and student senators, plus up to two outside Lubbock employees to investigate other universities on this issue and explore the feasibility of having a Daycare Center on campus. Meriwether recommended that a committee be developed to explore this issue. Burns moved and Trischitti seconded approval to explore the possibility

of developing a formal accredited daycare center on the Texas Tech campus. The Senate approved unanimously.

Craig Wheeler informed the Senate that \$50.00 for the brick has been raised. He also informed the members that the Staff Senate will be involved in the Benefits Fair on Thursday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He will need two personnel at the table at all times for approximately 2 hour blocks of time. Wheeler distributed two sign up sheets: one for person A and one for person B. He also stated that there will be door prizes and the Staff Senate has t-shirts, football tickets, etc., to give away.

Announcements

Edna Barrett, Assistant Manager of the Texas Tech Credit Union, asked that President Roberson inform the Senate of two scholarships given by the Credit Union to Leah Merryfield and Brenda Doss in the amount of \$1,000 each.

President Roberson received an e-mail from Chancellor Montford stating that a President's Search Committee is being developed, and he would like the Staff Senate to submit 12 to 14 names of possible members to the Committee. The Executive Board submitted 12 names and President Roberson sent them to the Chancellor. The Committee will be made up of 20 members, and this will be quite a time consuming project.

President Roberson and President-elect Burns met with President Haragan to get feedback on how the Senate is doing and if there are any issues that need to be addressed. President Haragan made a suggestion that he would like to educate the staff on why Texas Tech University is trying to become a research institution. President Roberson stated that we would try to accommodate this issue in the coming months.

Speaker Gene West presented a preliminary report of the five-year parking plan. At a later date, Mr. West will gather data for a final report, which will be presented at the Board meeting in December and will distribute a hard copy to the Senate. (Webmaster's note: The 5-year Parking Plan Documentation is a feasibility study you download to your computer. The 5-Year Parking Feasibility Study Graphics Presentation is a slide show and takes longer to view in your browser.)

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Next Meetings

Staff Senate Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 27, 1999, Llano Estacado Room, UC, 3:00 p.m.

Staff Senate Meeting, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, Senate Room, UC, 3:00 p.m.