

Meeting Minutes - December 1, 1999

The Staff Senate met on Wednesday, December 1, 1999, in the Senate Room of the University Center, with PeeWee Roberson, President, presiding. Senators present were: Cory, Curlee, Flores, Graham, Nichols, Saiz, Schuessler, Smith, Weaver, Wheeler, Clawson, Samarripas, Segura, Tillack, Billingsley, Burns, D., Whyburn, Bell, Hunter, Kinghorn, Meriwether, Prado, Silvas, Stow, Welch, Williams, Burns, J., Garcia, Lira, Chavez, and Harris. Senators Ables, Nava, Pirkle, Trischitti, Little, White, Widener, Crosby, Rocha, Stubbs, and Thomas were excused.

Recognition of Guests

President Roberson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed the alternate senators: Turner, Burt, and Segran and other guests.

Minutes

It was moved by Craig Wheeler and seconded by Judy Hunter that the minutes of the November 3, 1999, meeting be accepted as recorded; the motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the Vice President for Student Affairs had been left off the list of those providing prizes for the Benefits Fair; the Staff Senate apologizes for this oversight and extends its thanks.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Treasurer's Report (Requires Acrobat Reader) was distributed to those present.

Committee Reports

Day Care Committee

A list of committee members, which also includes members from the Health Sciences Center, was distributed to the Staff Senators. It was noted that the Chancellor is aware that there is a committee looking at this issue. The Committee is looking at a needs assessment and a survey will be developed and sent out in late February. Committee membership is listed on the web: www.mcom.ttu.edu/reeves/childcar.htm. Thanks were extended to the Committee for the work it is doing by President Roberson.

Election Committee

Nomination forms will be mailed in January. If staff members do not receive a nomination form, they should contact Emily Saiz at 2-2812.

Communications and Public Relations Committee

Members were thanked for bringing donations for the Women's Protective Services. Five plus boxes were filled with personal hygiene products and will be delivered to Women's Protective Services.

President's Report

The Nominations Committee will nominate someone to serve on the Benefits and Retirement Committee beginning Fall 2000. Jessie Sjue-Hall has left the University and Gayle Stow from the College of Education will complete her term of office.

The reception for the three Senates, Faculty, Staff, and Student, was well attended and provided the opportunity to ask questions of the Chancellor.

There will not be an Executive Board meeting in December due to the holidays.

Old Business Traffic and Parking

After some discussion, it was moved by Craig Wheeler and seconded by Mary Nichols that Resolution 99.08 be accepted and forwarded to Gene West regarding the parking issue; the motion passed unanimously. The motion reads: "Whereas, the Administration's "Parking Feasibility Study" shows a demand for parking spaces that exceeds the supply and is expected to worsen in the next 5 years;

Therefore, be it resolved that the TTU Staff Senate gives its approval for the following amended proposals from the Parking Feasibility Study:

An increase in fees for reserved, area-reserved, and commuter spaces for 20% for the 2000-2001 school year, and

A conversion of parts of existing reserve lots to area-reserved status, with accommodation for any users who wish to retain a reserved space."

It was further moved by Craig Wheeler and seconded by Judy Hunter that Resolution 99.09 be accepted and forwarded to Gene West; the motion passed unanimously. The motion reads: "Whereas, the Administration's "Parking Feasibility Study" contains no information about: The possible impact of future garages on campus traffic or city commuter traffic, or

The number of spaces in each garage that will be devoted to faculty/staff vs. students;

Therefore, be it resolved that the following actions should be taken before financial commitments are made for any parking garage: Traffic studies should be conducted in consultation with city engineers and the results should be reported to the Staff Senate, and

Specific details regarding allocation of parking spaces (faculty, staff, student or visitor) should be furnished to the Staff Senate for each garage that is being planned,

The Administration should continue to inform the Staff Senate (at yearly intervals or more frequently) about the progress of its plans and the effectiveness of its actions toward solving the present and future problems in our parking system.

Next Meetings

Staff Senate Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 26, 2000, Llano Estacado Room, UC, 3:00 p.m.

Staff Senate Meeting, Wednesday, February 2, 2000, Senate Room, UC, 3:00 p.m.