

Meeting Minutes - November 5, 2003

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Senators present: Louisa Arriaga, Suzanne Bowen, Joan Burdine, Lovilla Cochran, Jana (Corzine) Atkins, Kerri Ford, Sandy Gellner, Eddie Ramirez, Diane Reid, Judy Tiner, Alisa Dollar, Chance Dragich, Michael Hurlow, Scott Rubino, Bryan Carson, Jeff Foxhoven, Brent Guinn, Scott Hall, Gene Bals, Camille Chen, Maria Fernandez, Patrick Hancock, Judy Hunter, Carolyn Kennedy, Susan Kitten, Pat McConnel, Bill McDonald, Terry Moore, Maurice Welch, Everne Williams, Jeff Burns, Nick Chavez, Russell Crosby, Gerald Cunningham, Guadalupe Luna, Larry Rocha, Maria Vasquez, Estella Barron, Robin Cooper, Gary Johnson, Carol Ann Stanley

Senators absent: Doug Crockett, Sheri Lewis, David Naugher, Richard Verrone, Jeanne Jasper, Tim Segura,

Guests: Frank Wyatt, Phillip Ray, Gloria Hale, Celeste Villarreal, Jennifer Zorazua, Claudia Cory, Susan Hoke, Elizabeth Garza, Carla Cavender, Shannon Bolt, DaNay Phelps, Elizabeth Teagan, Tammy Branham, Debbie Etie, Elma Moreno, Samuel Barona, Sam Segran and Barbara White

October minutes

Corrections were made to the October minutes

Motion made to accept the minutes as corrected by Carolyn Kennedy and seconded by Bill McDonald – motion passed

Treasurer's Report

Motion made to accept the report by Maurice Welch and seconded by Gary Johnson – motion passed

Introduction of new senators and oath (less than one year term)

Diane Reid (Animal and Food Science)

Alisa Dollar (Water Resources)

President Jon Whitmore

1 st speech in the Law School

met with the Staff Senate president, Chance Dragich, in order to ensure good communication

proud of our diverse and rich campus

has already learned a lot

the people is what is most important at the university

a university is only as good as its quality of people and the work they produce

would like to see the university have competitive salaries in order to maintain quality people

staff at university need both opportunities for advancement and to have a voice in major decisions made at the university

reward/award system for a job well done needs to be in place, will review those programs already in place

the university here to serve students – all employees contribute to that (teaching/ support services)

the growth of the university has both positives and negatives

positive – generate funding in the research area

negative – lack of space, faculty and support staff

Seven major areas

continue to improve undergraduate programs

improve graduate and professional programs

hire additional faculty and staff

expand sponsored research

create diverse community

continue to expand outreach into the community and surrounding areas

continue to try to improve the work environment

State gave less money resulted in cuts in budget and personnel

Try to increase resources in research dollars

Tuition increase - \$10 increase per semester credit hour beginning in the spring which will be spent as follows:

25% will be put into financial aid

small share to go to hiring more faculty/staff

largest portion of increase will go toward a pool to increase to current faculty/staff

will recommend increase in spring if that is accepted then will recommend another increase in the fall

Letter from Staff Senate

Making salary a priority for faculty/staff

Students at the center of his thoughts

Budget Advisory Council created

Hearing staff issues is something he needs to spend time doing

Board of Regents will be meeting in early December

Committees

By Laws – Judy Tiner

2nd reading of Article I Membership

motion to accept change made by Carolyn Kennedy, seconded by Joan Burdine – motion passed

- 1st reading of Article III.A.2 Officer Duties and Vacancies, Officer Duties, President-Elect

(Now Reads)

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(Changed to Read)—

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- COPS – Joan Burdine
- The database is done
- Will be on the web site soon
- Special thanks to Lovilla Cochran and Patrick Hancock for the data entry
- Communications and PR – Maurice Welch
- November 12, 2003 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm will be a Meet and Greet your senator in the Canyon Room in Human Sciences

- Scholarship – Robin Cooper
- The first scholarships will be awarded in January 2004
- 3 @ \$200
- application forms will be in the mail in December and will also be sent out via TechAnnounce
- Elections – Bill McDonald
- 2 elections are currently underway – Executive Administrative and Clerical, both are 2 year terms

President's Report

- Update on David Naugher – is currently in Dallas to receive more chemotherapy treatments

New Business

Brent Guinn – appreciates all of the work done this year. Our goals should include increase the visibility of the Senate; encourage Senators to look at the Staff Senate with a positive outlook and attitude. This is

the proper forum to discuss constituent's issues. Please bring any issues to Staff Senate or to the officers who can then present the issues to the Executive Board

Carolyn Kennedy – issue forms are available on line, if you need copies then let Chance know

Adjourn – motion made by Brian Carson, seconded by Patrick Hancock – motion passed