

Texas Tech University Staff Senate Meeting Minutes March 3, 2010

Call to Order: 2009-2010 Staff Senate Secretary, Sandy Gellner
3 p.m., Senate Room, Student Union Building

Officers Present: Sandy Gellner, Secretary
Tamara Ginter, Treasurer

Roll Call: 41 of 55 senators present (6 vacancies).
Absent: Jerry Darden, Gary Johnson, Chris Leisinger, Kyle Clark, Mac Cooper,
Gary Bryant, Heather Medley, Jerry Perez, Beverly Pinson, Jess Schwintz, Connie
Brown, Tina Vecchio, Kerri Ford,

Guests: Nathanael Haddox, Staff Ombuds

Minutes: February 2010 meeting minutes approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: February beginning balance: \$ 7,363.59
Expended: (2,695.43)
Encumbrances: 191.17
Ending balance: \$ 4,859.33

Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Guest Speakers: Officer Jim Snow, TTU Police, gave us a great presentation on preparing for our
upcoming tornado season called a "Storm Ready University." OP 76.12, Severe
Weather Warning and Alert Systems, covers warning systems on campus.
Officer Snow is available to present this to groups and departments. He can be
contacted at jim.snow@ttu.edu.

Kay Rhodes, Associate Vice Chancellor, TTUS Information Technology, reminded
everyone that Banner would be offline from March 11-15 to update to Banner 8.

New Business: 1. Staff Senate Bylaws Article I. Membership, D. Attendance states "After a
member has five absences in a Senate term year, the Staff Senate Secretary will
give a report regarding the Senator to the Executive Board. The Executive Board
will review the report and make a recommendation for or against expulsion to be
presented to the Staff Senate for vote at the next scheduled Staff Senate
meeting." Utkarsh Sata has had six absences. The Executive Board met on
February 24, 2010 and is recommending his expulsion from the Staff Senate.
Mr. Sata gave a statement before the Staff Senate recommending a change to
the Bylaws in that when a senator is out of the country it is often difficult for
them to notify the President, President-Elect, or Secretary via email before or
within five days after the meeting. Mr. Sata stated he was going to submit a

resignation letter on 3/4/10. Ron Schulz made a motion to accept his resignation; it was seconded and the motion was passed through the Senate.

Mr. Sata's recommended change to the Bylaws will be discussed at the Executive Board on March 31st.

2. John Brocklehurst would like to open up communication on establishing a Health Committee. This is tabled until the next Staff Senate meeting.

3. It was mentioned that the area along Flint between 18th and 15th Streets is a "no parking, no stopping" area yet this is where the buses stop, often close to a crosswalk, making it difficult to see people crossing. This is a safety hazard. Sandy Gellner said she would check into this.

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Technology: No report.
2. By Laws & Constitution: Tamara Ginter presented recommended changes to the Bylaws and Constitution. Changes must be presented at two consecutive meetings before the Senate votes. Most changes were for consistency and grammar. There was discussion about proposed change to Article IV. Executive Board, B. Elections regarding electing EEO reps in June rather than August, because the new Senators would not be part of the equation.
3. Communications/Public Relations: The newsletter was distributed to all staff personnel. Audrey Pekowski had extra newsletters available.
4. Elections: Len Markham audited staff in all EEO classifications and as a result we need to increase the membership in Staff Senate by 11. Staff Senate membership for 2010-2011 will be Admin-12, Professional-21, Technical-10, Clerical-14, Craft/Trades- 4, Services-10. Elections will be March 8th – 31st. Len asks all Senators for their support in getting the word out and promoting Staff Senate.
5. Grievance: No report.
6. Issues: The committee has completed ten issues this year.
7. Nominations: No report.
8. Scholarships: Committee is reviewing the applications.

Special Committee Reports:

9. Parking: Car Clinic is being conducted this afternoon.
10. Family Care: Kathy Nordstrom has been chairing this committee, but she needs to step down. Chris Leisinger will find a replacement.
11. Green Task Force: Recommendation to participate in international program called STARS.
12. Student Life: Enrollment and applications are up. March 29th-April 2nd is Honor Week. The banquet for "Raiders Who Rock" will be April 1st.
13. Strategic Planning: No report.

Announcements:

1. Next Executive Board meeting is March 31st at 3:30 p.m. in Admin 244.
2. Next Staff Senate meeting is April 7th at 3 p.m. in the SUB Senate Room.