

Texas Tech University Staff Senate Meeting Minutes May 5, 2010

Call to Order: 2009-2010 Staff Senate President, Chris Leisinger
11:30 a.m., Senate Room, Student Union Building

Officers Present: Beverly Pinson, President Elect
Sandy Gellner, Secretary
Tamara Ginter, Treasurer

Roll Call: 43 of 53 senators present (7 vacancies).
Absent: Pam Tipton, Kyle Clark, David Naugher, Heather Medley, Aleesa Ross, Carol Espinosa, Hope Calvillo, Connie Brown, Judy Easterwood, Greg Breault.

Minutes: March 2010 meeting minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:	February beginning balance:	\$ 5,192.67
	Expended:	(365.14)
	Encumbrances:	<u>191.17</u>
	Ending balance:	\$ 5,018.70

Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Guest Speakers: 1. Dr. Guy Bailey, TTU President, spoke about the University's goal for Tier One status. We are well on our way to meeting all criteria. Information on Tier One can be found at www.ttu.edu/administration/president/tier1. He also talked to the Senate about the establishment of Responsibility Center Management (RCM) which will create a more transparent and decentralized budget control. Information about RCM can be found at www.ttu.edu/administration/president/rcm/townhall.php. Dr. Bailey stated that as TTU reaches its goals, we will have to hire new staff and faculty; teaching, serving students through recruiting, advising, the enrollment process, etc. is central to our mission. A question was asked about having a development plan for staff; Dr. Bailey would like to "professionalize" our staff force, so they want to make a career out of their field. He specifically talked about the advising career field and creating tiers, so advisors can advance along that career path. TTU had a record enrollment for spring semester and we are expecting another record enrollment for fall semester which means an increase in support efforts for these students.

2. Dr. Rob Stewart, Senior Vice Provost, spoke about the new 2010-2010 Strategic Plan which was available for each senator. He specifically pointed out pertinent information regarding staff involvement on page 14, Strategic Priorities, and on page 18, TTU Community. The Strategic Plan can be found at www.ttu.edu/stratplan.

New Business: Kim Eggleston was awarded the High Five award.

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Technology: No Report.
2. Bylaws and Constitution: A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the senate to change Bylaws, Article IV, Executive Board, for grammatical and consistency purposes only. It was noted by this committee that the Senate did not vote on changes to the Bylaws in 2008; therefore, these changes are not valid. There was discussion again about voting for EEO representatives in June (Constitution, Article III, Section 6) vs. August (Bylaws, Article IV, Section B.2.). The Constitution takes precedence over the Bylaws. Any changes to this part will be tabled until the 2010-2011 Bylaws and Constitution Committee meet and make recommendation to the Senate.
3. Communications/Public Relations: Working on the July 7th meeting. Need senators to work at the New Employee Orientation.
4. Elections: Elections will open next week; it will be in TechAnnounce.
5. Grievance: No report.
6. Issues: Closed issues - ADA access in Holden Hall is being handled by Facilities Planning and Construction; number of holidays is determined by Texas Legislature based on when holidays fall (weekends vs. weekdays); no increase in discount for faculty/staff dining plan.
7. Nominations: No report.
8. Scholarships: Will award five scholarships for summer I and 5 for summer II. Staff needs to be aware that scholarship funding may not be awarded until after the semester ends.

Special Committee Reports:

9. Parking: No report.
10. Family Care: On hold.
11. Student Life: Barnes & Noble TTU Bookstore looking into students being able to rent vs. purchase textbooks.
12. Strategic Planning: No report.
13. Gender Equity: Sill looking into having lactation rooms for faculty/staff/students.

Announcements:

1. Next Executive Board meeting is May 26th at 3:30 p.m. in Admin 244.
2. Next Staff Senate meeting is June 2nd at 3 p.m. in the SUB Senate Room.